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Photography's diversity comes from the fact that we're all inspired to pick up a camera by different things. Often it's a secondary hobby used in tandem with our main passion. Mine is travel. I doff my hat to those photographers who find inspiration in the familiar sights that surround them every day, but it's the unfamiliar that inspires me. Nothing stimulates my creative juices like finding myself in a foreign country,

exploring a different culture. Doing it with a camera in my hand is, for me, about as good as life gets.

Luckily, thanks to the proliferation of budget airlines, the great cities of Europe have never been more accessible. For less than the cost of a train ticket to Birmingham I can be in Brussels, Berlin or Bratislava. This week, on pages 10-17, we show you how to make the most of this opportunity.

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## ONLINE PICTURE OF THE WEEK

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### Another by Neil Almond

Nikon D800E, 21mm, 3secs at f/10, ISO 100, ND filter, grad filter, Hitech 100x100 CPL

This image by AP reader Neil Almond was taken at Hopton in the photogenic county of Norfolk.

'Hopton is fast becoming one of my favourite locations to shoot sunrises,' says Neil. 'The newly created man-made rock formations and the old wooden sea defences make for some interesting compositions. For this photograph, I decided that the rock formation not

only provided great detail and colouration, but it also created a strong lead-in line to the upcoming sunrise with the water movement, undisturbed sand and low cloud bringing the image together and adding interest to the overall scene.'

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## NEWS ROUND-UP

The week in brief, edited by Karen Sheard

### Lexar announces GoPro compatibility

GoPro has awarded its 'Works with GoPro' verification to selected Lexar flash memory cards. For this, the cards had to pass quality, performance and reliability tests. As a result, Lexar Professional 1000x (32GB, 64GB, 128GB) and High-Performance 633x (32GB, 64GB, 128GB) microSD card ranges are now compatible.



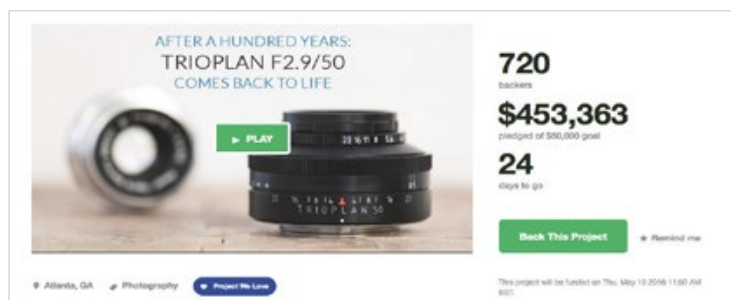
### Firmware update for Leica SL



Faster focusing and better subject tracking are promised via a firmware update for the Leica SL. Leica says firmware version 2.0 also provides direct exposure-compensation control using the top dial and the click-wheel on the back of the camera. The shutter speed range has also been extended to 1/16,000secs-30 minutes. For full details, visit [uk.leica-camera.com](http://uk.leica-camera.com).

### Trioplan hits jackpot

A crowdfunding campaign for a Trioplan 50mm f/2.9 lens has attracted over eight times the \$50,000 (£35,000) needed to create the optic, after pledges from around 700 backers. The lens is expected to be ultra-compact and versatile, and suitable for street photography, portraiture and macro work. It's due out in January 2017.



### Brian May and 3D

Rock star Brian May (far left) and historian Denis Pellerin have launched a book titled *Crinoline: Fashion's Most Magnificent Disaster*, featuring 3D photographs viewable through a stereoscopic device patented by the Queen guitarist. The authors spent decades sourcing and restoring the original stereo cards. Visit [www.londonstereo.com](http://www.londonstereo.com) to find out more.

### Sigma lens converter for Sony E-mount

Sigma's mount converter MC-11 is available to buy in the UK for an RRP of £219.99. The converter allows photographers to use Sigma EOS-mount or SA-mount DSLR lenses on Sony E-mount cameras. It supports electronic aperture control, autofocus, image stabilisation and in-camera lens corrections.



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## WEEKEND PROJECT

### Perfect pinholes

It sounds scary and complicated, but pinhole photography is simply about replacing the expensive lens sitting in front of your camera's sensor with a small pinhole. Photographers typically create this by drilling a hole in the body cap of an SLR or compact system camera, since they are cheap enough to replace. They then cut out a small square from a can or tin, carefully pierce it with a needle, and tape the pricked metal to the back of the body cap, making sure everything lines up. The idea is to keep the hole as small and as neat as possible, as a bigger hole throws more of the final image out of focus. This is why you cannot only rely on the bigger hole in the body cap. For more information and ideas on lo-fi photography, check out Steve Gosling's article in AP 14 May.

**1** Not everything will work with pinhole photography, so look for subjects with simple shapes and strong contrast. There is much less clarity in a pinhole image, so your subject needs to be something that can easily be recognised in colour or b&w.

**2** As the pinhole aperture is tiny, very little light reaches the sensor so you will need to support the camera on a tripod or similar to reduce camera shake. Use a remote shutter release or the camera's self-timer to avoid having to touch the camera.



# BIG picture

The Chernobyl disaster legacy lives on three decades later

Many of us are familiar with the haunting prospect of a nuclear disaster, be it through science-fiction literature and film or the memories of the Cold War. Thankfully, few of us would have had experience of such an event. That is, unless you were or still are a resident of the area surrounding Chernobyl in the Ukraine. In this image by Sean Gallup, taken in Slavutych, Ukraine, we see a worker renovating a memorial to the technicians who died during and in the immediate aftermath of the Chernobyl nuclear accident. Last month was the 30th anniversary of the accident, which has been described as the world's worst civilian nuclear disaster. Slavutych was purpose built in the years after the Chernobyl accident to replace Pripyat, the town that had previously housed Chernobyl workers and their families, but abandoned owing to the radioactive contamination.

## Words & numbers

We are making photographs to understand what our lives mean to us

Ralph Hattersley

Professor of photography and contributing editor, *Popular Photography*

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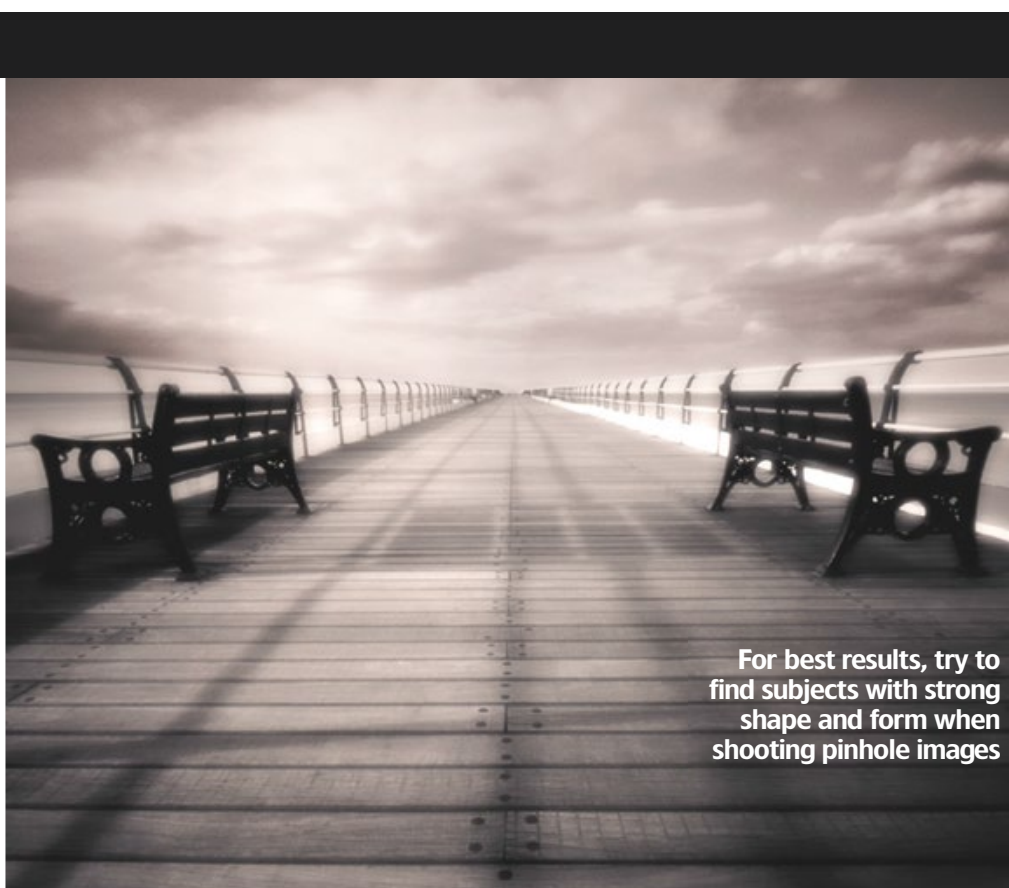
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**3** A very narrow aperture will affect the shutter speed, so try to shoot in manual mode for control over exposure. You can adjust the ISO for greater light sensitivity or faster shutter speeds. Use live view to aid composition instead of the viewfinder.

**4** Since you don't need to worry about focusing a pinhole camera, and have lots of depth of field to play with (thanks to that very narrow aperture), you can get creative with shooting angles. Try getting very close to a foreground object, for instance.

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For best results, try to find subjects with strong shape and form when shooting pinhole images



Tikhomiroff  
photographed  
Orson Welles,  
here in *Falstaff*



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# Farewell to Magnum's Nicolas Tikhomiroff

**THE DEATH** of photographer Nicolas Tikhomiroff has been announced by Magnum Photos. Tikhomiroff, who died on 17 April 2016 aged 89, is best known for his war photography and images of celebrities such as Orson Welles and Brigitte Bardot.

He started his career processing prints in the darkroom of a fashion photographer, before going on to take photographs for magazines such as *Marie France*. In 1956, inspired by French journalist Michel Chevalier, he started working as a freelance photographer, accompanying Chevalier on trips to the Soviet Union, Africa and the Middle East.

He joined Magnum in 1959, producing numerous photo stories on war photography in Algeria, Vietnam, Cambodia and Laos. He also contributed to an important Magnum project on world cinema, for which he met stars such as Orson Welles, Federico Fellini and Luchino Visconti. He developed a close friendship with Orson Welles, in



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Tikhomiroff's career took him from the darkroom to Hollywood's bright lights

particular, while photographing the filming of *The Trial* and *Falstaff* (*Chimes At Midnight*), both directed by Welles.

Tikhomiroff retired from professional photography in 1987, but continued working on personal projects in France.

In a statement by Magnum, Bruno Barbey, a Magnum member, shared his memories of Tikhomiroff: 'To me, his name will always be linked to his iconic photographs of Orson Welles, notably in Spain on the set of *Chimes at Midnight*. Not only was he a very important portraitist of the celebrities of the 1960s (Brigitte Bardot, Jeanne Moreau and Edith Piaf, to name a few), Nicolas was also a concerned photographer, covering the USSR in 1957 and de Gaulle's historic visit to Algeria in 1960.

'Nicolas epitomised Magnum's long-standing tradition, producing both a significant personal work on film-set photography, and covering world news for the agency.'



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## Britain's longest-serving picture editor to retire

**DAVID** Ofield, Britain's longest-serving picture editor, is retiring after almost three decades at the *Evening Standard*.

During his career, Ofield (pictured above with the Prince of Wales) covered key world events including the 9/11 attacks in New York and the death of Princess Diana, as well as overseeing a wealth of iconic celebrity images.

The *Standard's* chief photographer, Jeremy Selwyn, said: 'Dave's been my boss for nearly 30 years and there's not many people who can say that! He's been tremendous, but he always lines up one last job of the day for you and says, "It's sort of on your way home..."'

Ofield's last job of the day will be in early June, after which he hopes to spend more time at his holiday cottage in Ireland.



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# See stars of the lens at Photo London

**FAMOUS NAMES** from the world of photography are set to star in the upcoming Photo London event that takes place at Somerset House from 19-22 May and which the organisers promise will be 'bigger and better' than last year.

Joining Don McCullin, Martin Parr and Nadav Kander will be celebrated photographers including Mary McCartney, Nick Knight, David Maisel and Alec Soth.

There will be a dedicated area for talks by guest photographers.

Michael G Wilson, a renowned photographic collector and co-producer of the James Bond films, will participate in a panel discussion on Sunday 22 May.

He'll be joined by gallery owner Howard Greenberg and Quentin Bajac, chief curator of photography at the Museum of Modern Art, in New York.

Wilson is set to lend 12 large-scale photographs



See Don McCullin at Photo London

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by Craigie Horsfield to Photo London, drawn from his archive of more than 11,000 images.

Photo London is expected to showcase the work of 80 galleries – ten more than were at the inaugural event in 2015.

Speaking in November, Photo London co-founder Michael Benson said:

'London is the only city in the world where you dare to imagine that you would get this kind of dynamic response to a new cultural

venture like Photo London. We have been overwhelmed by the support we have received from the City's cultural organisations.'

Photo London takes place at Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LA. For details, visit [www.photolondon.org](http://www.photolondon.org).

A day ticket costs £27, including booking fee. For the full list of prices, and to book, visit [photolondon.seetickets.com](http://photolondon.seetickets.com).

## Pilot reports UK's first drone strike



**IN WHAT** appears to be the first case of its kind in the UK, a mid-air collision between a drone and a passenger jet occurred on Sunday 17 April, near Heathrow airport.

The pilot of the British Airways aircraft, which was carrying 132 passengers and five crew, reported that the front of the plane had been

struck by an object, believed to be a drone, during its approach to the London airport.

The number of near-miss incidents involving unmanned drones has climbed sharply in recent years. The British Airline Pilots' Association (BALPA) is calling for tests into the potential impact of a drone strike.

For the latest news visit [www.amateurphotographer.co.uk](http://www.amateurphotographer.co.uk)

## Get up & go

The most interesting things to see, to do and to shoot this week. By Tom Smallwood

### LONDON



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### Made in Heaven: Bob Carlos Clarke

It's been ten years since Carlos Clarke's untimely death and this retrospective at The Little Black Gallery includes images from his most influential work: The Dark Summer, Shooting Sex and White Heat. All this plus pictures from his still-life series Styx and his final series, Love-Dolls Never Die.

Until 12 May (at Photo London from 19-22 May), [www.thelittleblackgallery.com](http://www.thelittleblackgallery.com)



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### LONDON

### Off the Hook

Legendary rock photographer Gered Mankowitz had intimate access to the Rolling Stones during a major purple patch from 1965-1967. His images at The Snap Galleries provide new insights into the band.

Until 28 May, [www.snapgalleries.com/exhibitions/](http://www.snapgalleries.com/exhibitions/)



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### Reframing Wales

The ffoto Gallery reveals the fruits of Lithuanian photographer Arturas Valiauga's 2014 visits to four National Trust properties in Wales, and the private and public faces of these historic places.

Until 29 May, [ffotogallery.org/visit/turner-house](http://ffotogallery.org/visit/turner-house)

### BATH



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### Shooting for stock

Stock photographer Colin Hawkins explains how to sell images through image libraries and other suppliers in this course at the RPS HQ. Also open to non-members. Learn how to make your images more competitive and to be more productive when shooting.

Monday 9 May, [www.rps.org/events/2016/may/09/shooting-for-stock](http://www.rps.org/events/2016/may/09/shooting-for-stock)

### Girls and their Mothers

Kim Simpson looks at the complex identity of multiracial individuals in Scotland, traditionally a visually under-represented group. The images link the girls and mothers, while respecting their disparity and individuality. At the Hillhead Library.

Until 22 May, [streetlevelphotoworks.org/event/kim\\_simpson](http://streetlevelphotoworks.org/event/kim_simpson)



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### GLASGOW





## Viewpoint Mike Smith

Smartphones are great for uploading on the go, but what if you want to use a 'proper' camera? Here's how to stay connected

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**T**he inexorable onward march of smartphone photography shows no sign of abating thanks to the medium's two key advantages: accessibility and ease of use. More specifically for photographers, having a 'good enough' camera in your phone means that it's always with you, and allows you to edit and upload your images from the same device. The one area in which it's lacking is technical flexibility. Sure, you can use your Olloclip to change the field of view, but when you require a larger sensor, different field of view, creative depth of field, off-camera lighting – well, that's when you carry a dedicated device.

Don't ditch the smartphone, though. Remember, it still allows editing and uploads – hence the ever-increasing number of cameras that come with a Wi-Fi connection – allowing you to transfer your images to your smartphone.

What if your camera doesn't have a Wi-Fi connection? The first port of call is that technical marvel, a Wi-Fi SD card (Transcend and EyeFi make good branded products). Build a fast SD card and then put a chip for a dedicated Wi-Fi hotspot inside. Then use the smartphone app to transfer images. If you are editing for immediate posting but also want to process your images through a standard raw image workflow, then remember to shoot in raw+JPEG, and set the JPEG resolution to medium to make the files manageable.

Many cameras don't provide the necessary power for such a device, so they just don't work. One workaround is to use them anyway and transfer the card to a device that does support them. For example, I use a CF-SD card adapter in my Nikon D700 and then, after shooting, put the card in my Sony Cyber-shot DSC-RX100 before transferring to my tablet.

OK, so you don't have another camera to hand. The next option is to take a portable Wi-Fi hotspot with you. I've found the Kingston MobileLite MLW221 great for this. Turn it on to create the hotspot, then plug in your SD card and it's immediately available to all your devices. The bonus here is that it's the whole card, which means it's good for backing up a day's shooting. It's a power booster, too.

The non-Wi-Fi route? If your smartphone supports OTG (On-The-Go), its micro-USB port can act as client or, more importantly, host. That means you can put your card into a USB SD card reader, plug it in to the OTG cable and then phone. It should appear as a new drive and allow you to copy files on and off. Many devices don't support this, but it's fast and reliable if they do.

If you decide to ditch your smartphone for a dedicated camera, then don't lose out on the potential to connect it when you're out and about.

**Mike Smith** is a creative photographer.

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## New Books

The latest and best books from the world of photography. By Oliver Atwell



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### Performing for the Camera

Edited by Simon Baker and Fiontán Moran, Tate, £29.99, 240 pages, ISBN 978-1-84976-400-1



PERFORMANCE and photography have gone hand in hand since the earliest days of the recorded image. Such a relationship was inevitable, with artists using the camera lens to document their explorations of such things as gender politics, cultural identity and the self. This thorough and brilliantly informative book, released to coincide with the exhibition at Tate Modern in London, investigates the inter-relationship between the two mediums and the ways in which they have come together to explore the boundaries of subjectivity and identity. The book also looks at that most prevalent of performance genres, the self-portrait, and explores the works of artists such as Robert Mapplethorpe, Claude Cahun and Cindy Sherman. It's interesting to trace the genealogy of such contemporary phenomena as selfies and see that it's actually an idea that has real historic roots. The only difference is the context and intention. ★★★★★

### JJ Waller's Blackpool

By JJ Waller, Curious Publishing, £12.99, 102 pages, ISBN 978-0-9574390-3-0



JJ WALLER has an eye for the absurd and the garish. It's fortunate, really, considering his latest book sees him stalking the neon-soaked and sand-dusted streets of Blackpool. This follows on from his excellent exploration of Brighton, and it's good to see he hasn't lost his eagle eye for the eccentricities of British life. It's clear that Waller is in love with the scenes he finds. There are no half measures or safely distanced shots. Each one finds him right in the scrum. The collection brings to mind the work of such documentary and street photography luminaries as Dougie Wallace and Martin Parr, but there's just enough uniqueness to Waller's work to carry him on his own course. ★★★★★



**Your smartphone is a handy device giving you the ability to shoot, edit and upload images. When you want greater technical flexibility, you can take photographs with your 'proper' camera and, if it has a Wi-Fi connection, transfer them to the phone for sending**

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# Seeing sights

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## KIT LIST



### ◀ Main kit

My normal city-break gear is a Canon EOS 5D Mark III DSLR, a Canon EF 16-35mm f/4L IS USM wideangle, a Canon EF 24-105mm f/4L IS USM standard zoom and a Canon EF 50mm f/1.4 USM fast prime.



### ◀ Optional lenses

I sometimes take a telephoto (Canon EF 70-200mm f/4L USM) or a fast wideangle (Samyang 14mm f/2.8), depending on what I will be shooting, but one or both of these may be sacrificed.







With a wealth of subjects, city breaks to spots like Marrakesh in Morocco are perfect for the photographer

## Matt Parry

Matt is an award-winning amateur travel photographer. Having visited more than 50 countries across six continents, his passion for photography has evolved from being a way of showcasing his trips to becoming the driving force behind where and why he travels. [www.mattparryphotography.com](http://www.mattparryphotography.com)



From an early age, travel has been in my bones. I've been fortunate enough to see many wonders of this world, but the more I see, the more my wanderlust keeps me wanting more. Over recent years, photography has become a huge part of this experience and is now a major factor in how, why and where I travel. But with just 25 days of holiday each year, how do I feed these addictions? One answer is city breaks.

I love exploring a new city. I'm fascinated by the differences in architecture, culture, traditions and landscapes, but also the people who live, work and visit there. Put simply, I love anything and everything that makes a certain destination unique. I find it very cathartic visiting a city for the first time, getting under its skin and seeing what it has to offer. I also love returning to familiar cities in different seasons or with different photographic



A visit to a new city can be very cathartic. This was shot in Lisbon, Portugal

## ◀ Tripod

I always take a tripod (Giotto's Vitruvian VGRN9255 aluminium) for shooting longer exposures. This adds considerable weight to my kit but is essential for the type of shots I like, particularly around the golden hours of sunrise and sunset leading into blue hour and night time.

## ▼ Other accessories

I also carry a Canon RC-1 wireless remote release and a combination of Lee and Hoya ND and ND Grad filters.



## ◀ Camera bag

Your bag should be light, comfortable and weather resistant. I carry my equipment in a Kata Pro-Light PL-3N1-25 Sling backpack but use a simple Lowepro Toploader Zoom 50 AW II for when I'm shooting with just a single body and lens.





goals. Either way, city breaks offer an excellent opportunity to build up a diverse portfolio of shots for the aspiring travel photographer.

In Britain, we are lucky to have Europe on our doorstep, with its eclectic mix of modern cities as well as historic towns, idyllic countryside and even dramatic coastlines for those wishing to get out of the city for a day or two. With budget flights and a whole host of regional airports serving almost every part of the continent, it is relatively cheap and pain-free to jump on a plane and begin your journey of exploration.

#### **Planning and preparation**

Having found some bargain flights and a great deal on a hotel, you can start planning the photographic element of your trip. This is where Google can come in handy. Google Maps, Street View and Google

**Above:** City streets like this one in Amsterdam in the Netherlands can take on a whole new appearance once the sun sets

**Left:** A wideangle lens is a versatile option that should be part of your travel kit

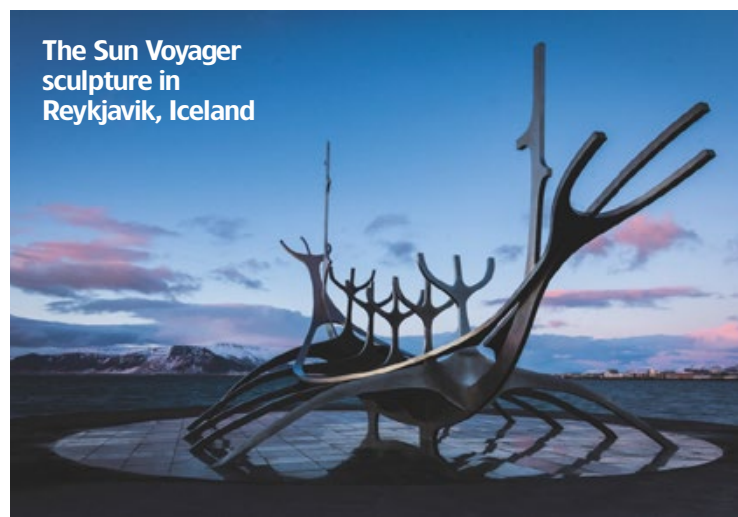
**‘If time permits, I do a recce of my target locations with the intention of returning at a different time of day or in better weather conditions’**





Images are all useful tools for helping to identify the locations you want to visit, local public transport, walking distances, the ideal location to base yourself and so on. I find the 'My Maps' feature in Google Maps a particularly useful tool to plot this.

Planning is also important for increasing the likelihood of being in the right place at the right



The Sun Voyager sculpture in Reykjavik, Iceland



With popular destinations like Paris, think about trying alternative views

time. Getting up early in the morning gives you a better chance of beating the crowds and catching the optimum light, while getting to your chosen sunset location early will ensure you are ready and waiting for the best of the colours in the sky. Tools such as The Photographer's Ephemeris ([photoephemeris.com](http://photoephemeris.com)) will help you work out where and when this will be, by showing both the direction and times of the sunrise and sunset.

What you take and what you leave behind is also important. If, like me, you shoot with a DSLR, whenever you board a plane with your gear you need to consider carefully what you pack. Most low-cost airlines charge an exorbitant sum to place a piece of baggage in the hold, so many travellers on short city breaks opt for just a carry-on. This isn't always practical for photographers, and it often requires us to make a compromise between our photographic equipment and the clothes we take.

Some airlines are also starting to weigh hand luggage, so spreading the load or costs with a travelling companion can help, and it may mean leaving a lens or two behind. In addition, many city breaks will be spent walking or on public transport to get between the sights so your 'walk-around' kit should also be light enough to carry for long periods of time – a lesson I have learned the painful way!

When working through your pre-trip planning and research, think carefully about the city you are visiting and try to set yourself some photographic objectives. This will help you prioritise and achieve the shots you want once you are there.

If time permits, I do a recce of my target locations with the intention of returning at a different time of day or in better weather conditions. Sometimes, I even have time to try a different style of shot or

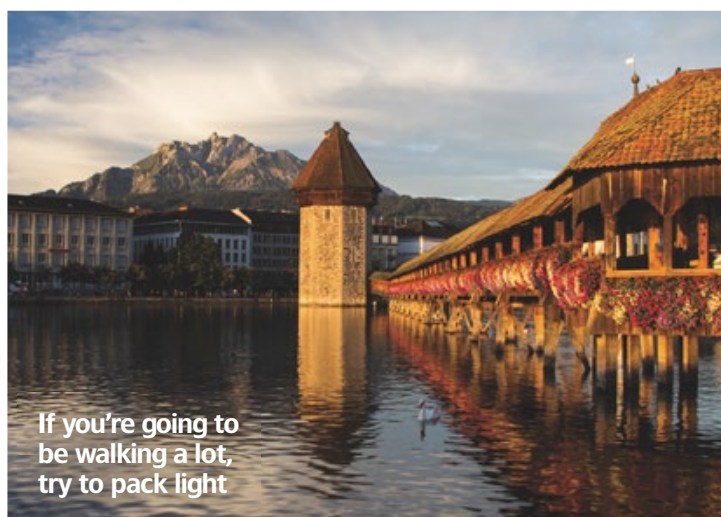
## Shooting icons



THERE'S a reason why iconic sights are so popular. They are impressive, but they have been photographed to death. So what can set your photo apart from the others and make the difference between a snapshot taken by a tourist and one that stands out from the crowd?

Try to look for a unique angle or vantage point such as a reflection or the back of someone's phone. Visit at different times of the day, such as sunrise or sunset, when the light is softer and there is colour in the sky, or at night when the area is lit up.

Include people in your shot to add foreground interest. Consider abstracts by looking for details or features that are often overlooked. Don't be put off by clouds or bad weather, such as in the shot above taken in Lisbon, Portugal. They can add drama to a scene that has often been pictured with blue skies and sun. Take multiple shots from different angles, focal lengths, orientation and apertures so you can be selective about which ones make it into your portfolio.



If you're going to be walking a lot, try to pack light





Sony A7r mkII, 16-35mm @ 18mm. 1/80 sec @ f/8, iso 100

# St Andrews Bay

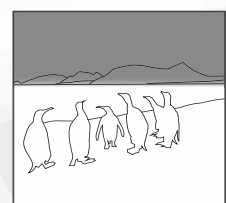
A remote island lost in the south Atlantic, South Georgia is a world-class synthesis of coast, mountains and glaciation. It is also home to the earth's largest colonies of Kings, arguably the most charismatic penguin species of them all.

As a tripod-loving landscape photographer, tackling this tremendous wildlife/landscape opportunity was always going to be tricky, especially as our arrival at St Andrew's Bay coincided with some brilliant – and contrasty – early morning light.

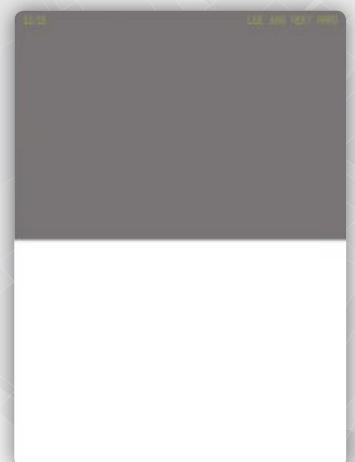
Unsurprisingly, wild creatures do not generally pose for pictures and are in constant motion, so this, and other images had to be shot hand-held, moving around them and trying to keep a respectful distance too, no easy task.

A very hard 0.6 ND graduate (two stops) bridged the contrast conundrum, with its abrupt step 'dissolving' nicely in the scene just above where the mountain meets the sea. I was able to retain highlight detail in the sky and had perfect exposure on the Kings, pretty important for retaining feather texture in the darkest shadow zones. Such accurate control of light is why I carry as many as ten grads on a shoot, with gradients from very hard to soft.

Very hard grads were once made only to order, but are now being made available to all. You may not be able to p-p-pick up a King penguin, but you can obtain a very hard step LEE grad. Happy days!



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Be aware of your surroundings when shooting low-light images



Above: Think about changing your vantage point to avoid taking all your images at street level, such as in this shot taken in Portugal

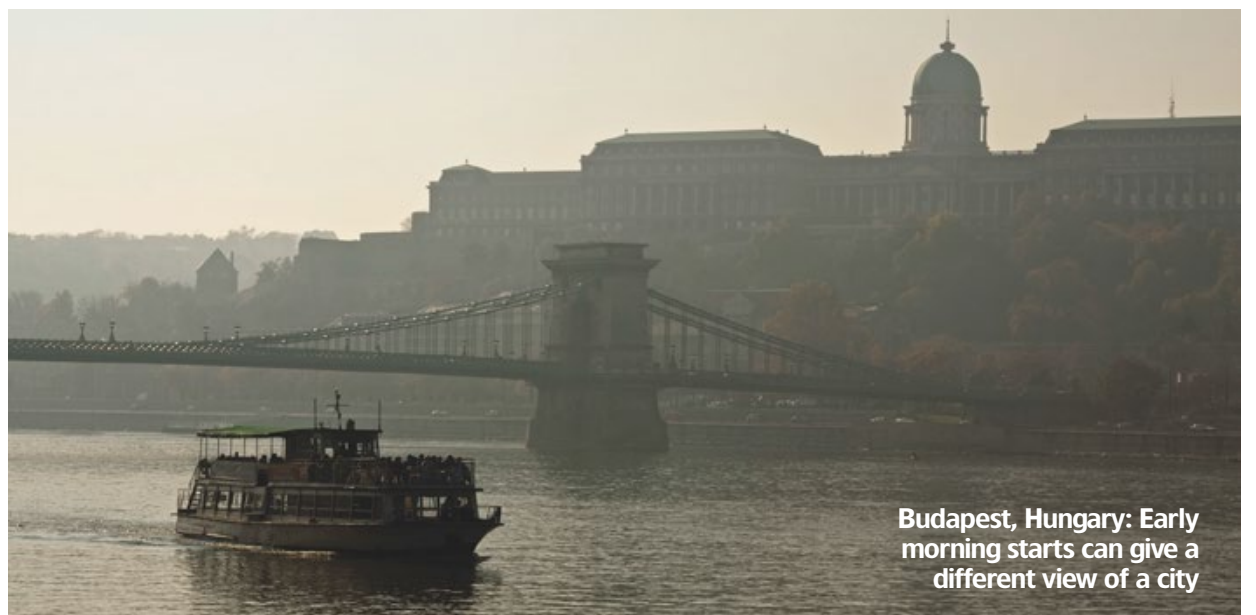
➤ shoot from a different vantage point. When I return, I take only the equipment I need to accomplish those objectives on that particular day and leave the rest in the hotel or at home.

## Out and about

When exploring a city during the day, I typically only carry my camera body and one lens (normally a wideangle 16-35mm or a standard 24-105mm zoom). If I'm at a destination for several days I might use

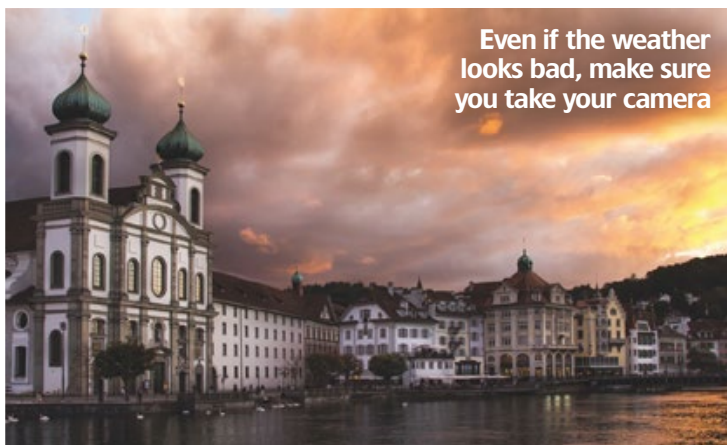
a different lens each day. I've found this way of working really useful for capturing completely different shots of the same location as it makes you think harder about composition and subject matter.

In the evening, I usually have a specific destination in mind for sunset/blue hour/night shots. At these times I take my tripod, filters and other lenses. This is without question my favourite time for shooting. I love cityscapes at night when the buildings are lit or where

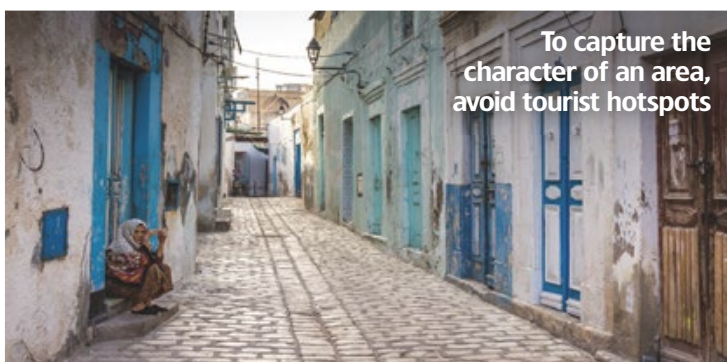


Budapest, Hungary: Early morning starts can give a different view of a city





Even if the weather looks bad, make sure you take your camera



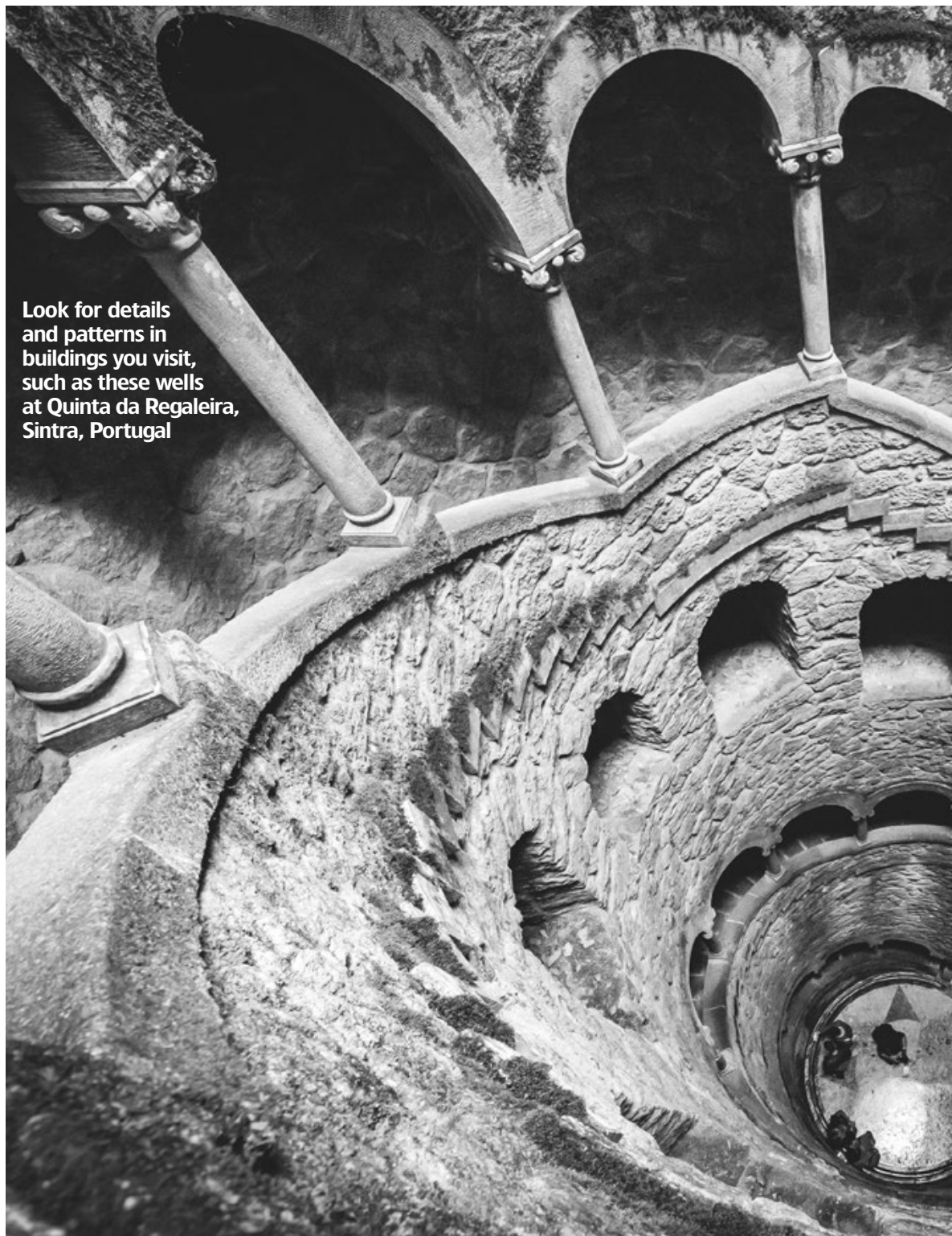
To capture the character of an area, avoid tourist hotspots

➤ the inclusion of movement, such as traffic trails, can give an extra dimension to an image that it's not possible to achieve during daylight hours.

## Avoid the obvious

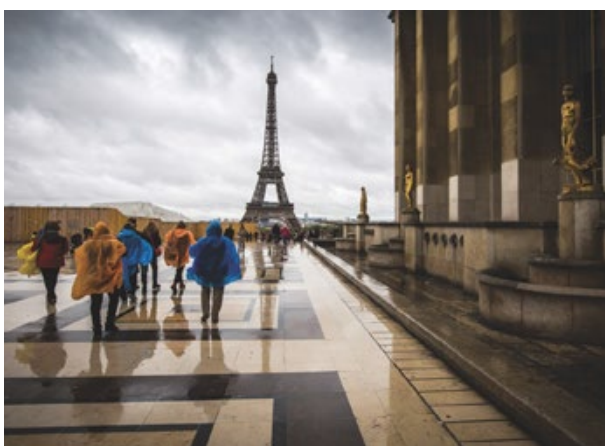
It is very easy to 'collect' average snapshots of cities and their famous buildings and monuments. It is often hard to avoid replicating the clichéd shots that inspired you to visit that city in the first place. I'll admit that I have shots like this in my own portfolio. However, like landscape photography, where changing light, seasons and weather make the difference between average and outstanding images, shooting cities is ultimately no different.

I would encourage you to plan and prepare your trip as much as you can – map out your photographic targets and set yourself some objectives. However, most importantly, explore, experiment and enjoy the experience, and you will soon see your images starting to improve.



Look for details and patterns in buildings you visit, such as these wells at Quinta da Regaleira, Sintra, Portugal

## MATT'S TOP TIPS



### Don't be put off by crowds

Certain locations can be popular destinations, attracting visitors from all over the world. The downside is they can get crowded. So why not use the crowds as part of your composition? Tourists can often add interest, scale, context or a focal point to a shot.



### Think further afield

Don't limit yourself to Europe. North Africa is a relatively short flight away, yet cities such as Marrakesh in Morocco or Sousse in Tunisia can offer cultural differences often associated with long-haul destinations. They're ideal for adding people shots to your portfolio.



### Look closer to home

We are blessed with many fantastic and interesting cities in the UK that attract visitors from all over the world. They often provide a more accessible way to practise techniques such as long exposures before you head off on your city break.





# Camera settings

BEING a travel photographer requires you to be a bit of a jack of all trades, as you'll be shooting disciplines as diverse as street, landscape, night and portraiture. I like to travel as lightly as possible yet remain flexible to what I may encounter. I therefore have two main approaches to shooting cities.

## Day

During the day, I shoot in aperture priority mode, auto ISO and raw. I change my aperture depending on what I'm shooting and how much available light there is. I don't use flash and also like to keep my processing as simple as possible, so I

rely on natural light and the low-light capability of the camera in order to recover details when shooting scenes with high contrast.

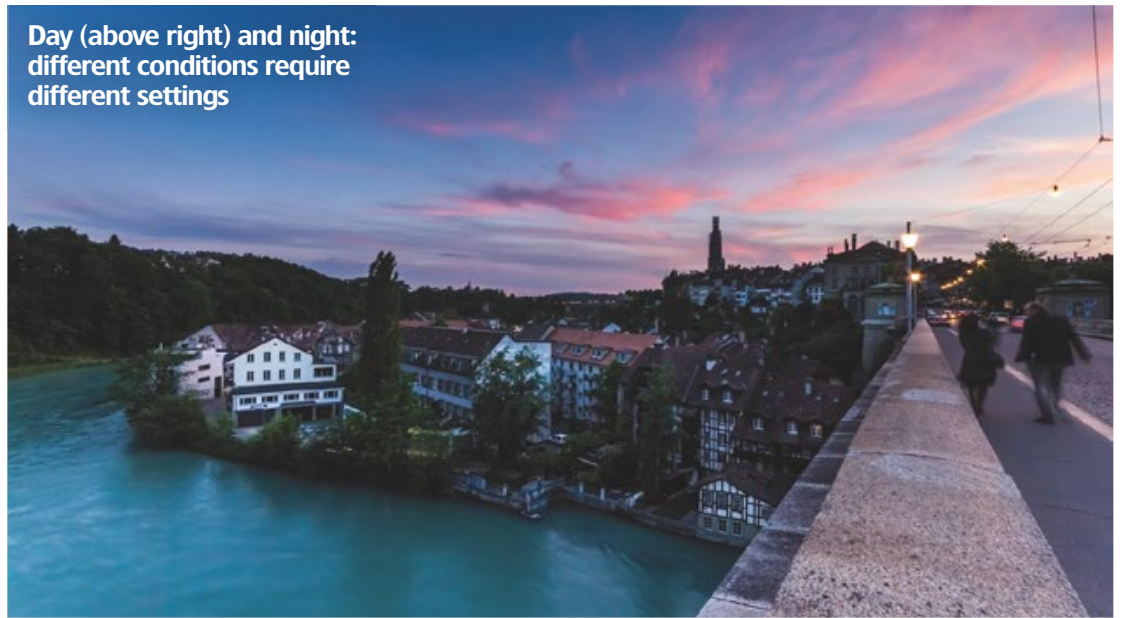
## Evening

When shooting in low-light conditions, such as dawn, dusk and night-time, I typically have specific shots

in mind. I use a tripod and shoot in manual or bulb modes (depending on the exposure time needed) and use live view for composition and manual focusing. With the ISO fixed to 100, I adjust the aperture and exposure length to create the image I want in-camera.



Day (above right) and night: different conditions require different settings



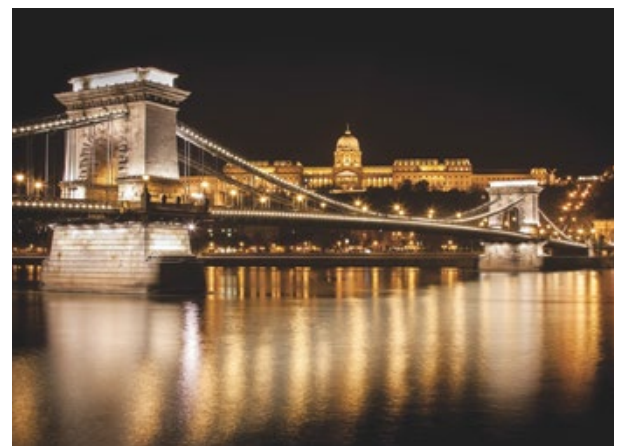
## Use the city as a gateway

Many European cities act as an entry point to photogenic villages, landscapes or coastlines. For example, the stunning natural wonders of Iceland are easily accessible from Reykjavik, while Sintra, a small town in Portugal, is full of architectural treasures (see main image top).



## Enjoy getting lost

The most rewarding shots are often found when you get lost, so put the map away and just wander. You might stumble across a hidden gem of quirky architecture that the guidebooks overlooked, or a market with locals going about their day-to-day lives.



## Set yourself goals

Set yourself some photographic goals for your city break. Experiment with different genres to see what you enjoy shooting. By setting goals for your trip, you can also see how much you have progressed, as well as maximise your time there.



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## LETTER OF THE WEEK

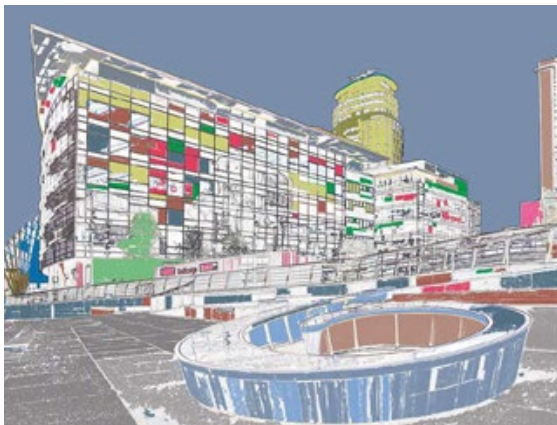
### Colouring templates

I was at my local WH Smith recently and noticed the photography magazine section had shrunk considerably, being largely replaced by numerous adult colouring books. Fortunately, AP was still in there.

While in the shop, it occurred to me that photographers don't need colouring books. A minute's work using the Posterization and Find Edges filters in Photoshop, and I have my own personalised colouring templates. I then use the Paint Bucket Tool to save buying coloured pens, and if I get bored with the colouring I can switch to Corel Painter Essentials to do the whole thing for me. The image (right) of Salford Quays, Manchester, is an example of my work done in Photoshop. Maybe this could be a theme for APOY 2017?

**Michael Hilton, Cheshire**

**Good thinking, Michael. You've given me an idea for a new colouring-book edition of AP, with the photos turned into line drawings. It sounds like it could be very popular, at least at your local WH Smith – Nigel Atherton, Editor**



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### Using handgrips

I realise that camera manufacturers have to keep costs down in order to compete in the market, and being in my mid-seventies I am also aware that earlier cameras rarely had handgrips. However, when reviewers are reporting on a new model they invariably comment on the advantage of a good handgrip, especially in relation to the use of longer and heavier lenses.

I find it cynical that manufacturers design cameras without a grip and then announce that one can be bought as an accessory at extra cost. The Olympus Pen-F, for example, features a design with no grip, but Olympus acknowledges that the camera would probably function better with one, so can sell you one as an add-on.

I also think that after-market handgrips detract from the appearance of most

cameras and feel it would be far better to incorporate the grip in the original design, such as on the Olympus OM-D E-M1.

**Brian W Nickson, West Yorkshire**

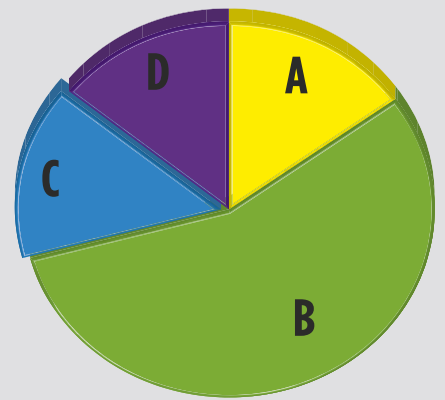
**While I understand your point about handgrips, I don't think manufacturers are being cynical. Rather, it's about making cameras in different designs to suit different photographers' needs and preferences. Olympus would say that it makes the E-M1 precisely to cater for photographers like yourself who require a built-in grip, while with the Pen-F it has suggested that this camera is best suited for use with small zooms and primes. It's about giving users a choice of designs, so they can pick the one that suits them best – Andy Westlake, technical editor**

### Drone nuisance

There is no doubt that photos from drones open an area of photography never dreamt of a few years ago. We live in a quiet rural village in Gloucestershire. A couple of years ago the quiet was shattered around 200m away as this bundle of noisy flashing lights rose into the air. It looked and sounded like the Millennium Falcon had taken to the skies and was ready for the jump to light speed. It was lifted up and down six or seven metres and a bit from side to side until the battery ran out.

Over the next few nights the operator began to get the hang of it. It was going higher and coming ever closer to our house.

Suddenly, this device was replaced by the Millennium Falcon Mk2. Eventually it was only three or four metres overhead and could have dropped its interstellar payload on us, or



### In AP 16 April, we asked...

How much do you think about composition before taking a photo?

### You answered...

A I usually carefully apply the rules of composition before pressing the shutter	15%
B I tend to follow the rules, but subconsciously, as they're second nature to me	56%
C I don't follow them as I disagree with having 'rules' in photography	15%
D Rules – what rules?	14%

### What you said

'I usually think about composition, although not necessarily in terms of rules. And, like Nigel says [in his Editorial in AP 16 April], I often wish that I'd thought about it even more...'

'What's with the "rules" emphasis? If you have the time, a shot is composed by what you, as the photographer, find most pleasing in whatever you are photographing. Some instinctively compose pleasingly. Some just don't see what's in front of them and no amount of rules will change that'

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### This week we ask

Have you ever taken a city break to Europe or further afield for the express purpose of photography?

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**Chris Nesbit** @chrisnesbit

This stunning light-painting shot, with a helicopter at the centre of the frame, was achieved by using steel wool to create the striking effect. Be careful if you try this yourself!



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photographed us if there was a camera on board (which was unknown).

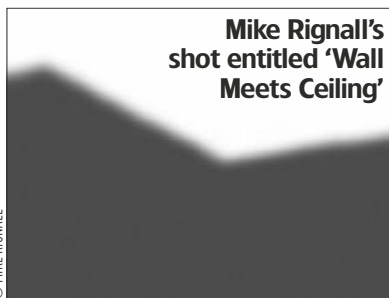
We moved from the city to the country for the peace and quiet. Our nice quiet evenings were now being invaded by noise and the possibility of being photographed.

Fortunately, before we could go round and talk to the driver, the flights stopped as quickly as they had started.

So where do we send the drones? To the countryside where they will scare the wildlife away from wildlife photographers? I'm sure ramblers would love to have drones around them, as would farmers.

**Adrian Price,  
Gloucestershire**

**You're right, Adrian. Not only do drones open up a number of new opportunities for photographers, but they also bring with them a host of potential problems, including the invasion of privacy and danger issues as you have highlighted. New technology often raises concerns about misuse – I remember the worries about privacy when cameras first started appearing on phones – but they tend to sort themselves out in the end.**



**Sensible legislation, properly policed, should help – Nigel Atherton,  
Editor**

## Strangest to date?

Each week we have an increasingly strange analysis from Roger Hicks. Some actually appear as photographs, and remember the name of the magazine is *Amateur Photographer* not *Amateur Art Critic*. The abstract 'Wall meets floor' (AP 9 April) must surely rate as the strangest to date. Cameras have given much pleasure to society ever since Paul Rudolf designed his masterpiece, and so I must ask why did Pavel Banka bother with this work that could have been generated in a fraction of the time using Microsoft Paint? Roger makes the point that we may dismiss stuff we do not like, and this must certainly rate as an image most likely to be dismissed.

My own abstract (above), courtesy of Paint, shows the

result of an intensive two-minute effort. I call it 'Wall meets ceiling'.

**Mike Rignall,  
Gloucestershire**

**Your argument is simple, but flawed in every way, Mike. The bottom line is, 'I don't like this (or 'I don't understand this'), therefore it is no good.' First, you appear to separate photography and criticism. Odd, that. Second, people have enjoyed photography long before Paul Rudolph designed the Tassar in 1902: what were you trying to say? Third, there are important conceptual and practical differences between knocking something up in Photoshop, and seeing something and taking a picture of it.**

**Quite separately, you say that my analyses each week are 'increasingly strange'. What did you find strange at all about, say, Thomas Hoepker's picture of the bison (AP 16 April)?**

**Every now and then I deliberately choose a picture that I know will upset some readers. Some, like you, react by writing angry letters. Others will stop and think, and they're the ones I'm after – Roger Hicks**

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Photographers **Jim Marks** and **Wayne Johns** deliver their verdict on shooting with the X-Pro2



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### Does the X-Pro2 feel any different compared to X-series cameras you've previously used?

Yes it does. Fujifilm has worked a bit of ergonomic magic. The redesign of the front finger grip and rear thumb grip is great. That's one thing I kind of tagged as a negative in the X-Pro1. Taking all the buttons from the left side of the rear LCD, as it was on the X-Pro1, and moving them to the right side of the screen to enable single-handed operation was brilliant. Its operation/adjustment functionality is much quicker and more intuitive now.

The rear LCD screen is a higher resolution too – which is great when viewing things back or checking for details in set ups.

### What's your favourite new feature on the camera?

It has to be the dedicated joystick

for controlling the focus points. It has made life so much quicker and easier in those environments where that function is needed – it's an ideal addition to your shooting workflow. It's probably my most used function next to shutter speed and aperture adjustment; I always tend to shoot in Manual mode, it's just the way I am.

### How does the new sensor perform?

Now this is a beautiful addition and a step up from its predecessors. I've only shot with the X-Pro2 prototype so far which wasn't at 100% build stage, but I'm still really impressed!

I had already been very impressed with the X-T1's 16.3MP X-Trans CMOS II sensor – I must have been for it to replace my Canon kit. But to now have a new 24.3MP X-Trans

CMOS III sensor with a newer/faster processor as well, this little beast is not to be sniffed at. It's a tremendous camera packed full of advanced features to please everyone....or most people anyway!

### How have you found the new viewfinder?

It's very clever. I don't know who at Fujifilm has these ideas, then makes them work so smoothly, but they deserve a very big pat on the back to say the least! Shooting in optical viewfinder mode, but still having an EVF overlay – that's just genius.

For my studio work though, I find that I switch to EVF mode for most of my shooting, especially as they've increased the refresh rate from the X-T1's 54fps to a staggering 85fps. It's a beautiful viewfinder with virtually no lag, nothing I can really notice anyway – very nicely done!





Detail from the 24MP sensor is exceptional

### Has the handling improved?

The handling is a vast improvement over its predecessor. The new button configuration layout is a joy to use; moving all the main function/control buttons to the right side of the body for use with the right thumb is fantastic. Once you program your brain to remember the layout and button functionality, working with them while shooting is a dream, and the left hand can stay under the camera for support and to change your aperture on the lens.

### Finally, could you describe the X-Pro2 in one word?

One word... seriously?...just one word.....Mmm..... Addictive!



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## Jim Marks

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### What are your first impressions of the X-Pro2?

First off, I've shot with the X-Pro1 for many years. It was the first camera that got me into the Fujifilm X-series system. On picking up the X-Pro2, for me it's different – it's an evolution. What I like though is they haven't taken the whole concept and thrown it away; the X-Pro2 is simply better in every area.

### How did you find the changes to the handling?

I have the original camera and I have the new one, and handling-wise it's a subtle evolution. I think that the biggest change are the buttons at the back – the handling is much more intuitive. It's better designed, but still familiar to previous models. It's made from a huge chunk of lovely metal as well so that you can drop and abuse it, and hopefully get many years of use out of it. I love the new viewfinder too. Electronic viewfinders have really come of age. There's really no reason why you'd

To find out more about the Fujifilm X-Pro2 and the range of X-series Fujinon lenses, please visit [www.fujifilm.eu/uk](http://www.fujifilm.eu/uk)



The AF system of the X-Pro 2 has come on leaps and bounds

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even think it's electronic any more, which I think is the best praise that I can give it.

### How have you found the AF performance?

The AF system has come on leaps and bounds when you compare it to the early days of the X-Pro1. At the beginning with the X-Pro1 before Fujifilm made some updates with the firmware, I wasn't sure. I'd come from shooting with a DSLR and it wasn't as good, but now with the X-Pro2's advanced AF system, it's not even an issue any more. It's quick, it locks on where you want it to, and it's silent as well.

### Can you sum up the X-Pro2 in one word?

You wanted one word, but the X-Pro2 is like that second album. It could have been difficult, they could have ruined it, but they haven't. It is a fantastic introduction to the new 24.3MP X-Trans CMOS III sensor, which is going to do amazing things. It's a great camera.



The X-Pro2 is simply better in every area

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# Wide open

We look at the winners from the 2016 Sony World Photography Awards Open category

Launched in 2008, the Sony World Photography Awards has become a must-see photographic event. The aim of the competition is to discover fresh talent in the world of photography and the moving image, and it is open to both amateurs and professionals. It is divided into a range of categories that are suited to both beginners and more experienced photographers. Subjects include action, travel, split second, panoramic and even smile. Each year, juries selected from the World Photographic Academy and wider global industry judge the competition.

When the World Photography Organisation started this competition, the emphasis was supposed to be on professional photography. The amateur category wasn't at the forefront of everyone's mind. However, from the very first year something unexpected happened. The entries started flooding in for the Open competition and they were stronger than anyone had expected. This is something that has stayed fairly consistent since the competition's inception. The amateur competition is incredibly strong and, in our opinion, often exceeds the professional categories. Here we take a look at each of the winners.





## Panoramic 'Goðafoss' by Markus Van Hauten

Germany

'This is Iceland's famous waterfall in winter, where I spent 10 days,' says Markus. 'There was clear blue-green water and ice everywhere. In winter, particularly in such snowy conditions, it's not easy to photograph from the bottom of waterfall, but I wanted to capture this image with the beautiful conditions of that evening, so we climbed down 10m and took the shot. It was cloudy, with almost no wind, so there was very little spray from the waterfall. It's an image of atmosphere and real feeling.'

## Smile 'Wake Up Call' by Alex Ingle

United Kingdom

➤ 'It's Easter and after a large celebratory meal, a moment's peace is an opportunity for a nap,' says Alex. 'The youngest member of the Nawrot family, having none of it, climbs onto the sofa and prepares to wake "Dziadzia Jacek" (his grandfather). This brief moment before jumping on his grandfather's legs is one of pure joy.'



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## Youth Photographer of the Year 'Sarah' by Sam Delaware

United States

▲ 'Like so many heading for university, I left my home this year for the first time and, in an instant, [my family] were no longer part of my daily life,' says Sam. 'I wanted to somehow speak of the mixed feelings I was experiencing; excitement, for the life I was about to begin, and nostalgia for the one I was leaving behind. Travelling back to Maine allowed me to create this image of my sister.'

## Architecture 'Snowy Central Park at 10,000ft' by Filip Wolak

Poland

▼ 'It was one of those brisk wintry days in March 2015,' says Filip. 'Amazed by how clear the day was, I took my Cessna above New York's restricted airspace, which gave me full freedom to roam. The winds were quite strong that day, with no haze and unlimited visibility. With a bit of planning (and luck) I was able to capture perfect shadow alignment along the avenues.'



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## Travel Untitled by Andrej Tarfila

Slovenia

➤ 'I was driving towards Kranj, the capital of the Gorenjska region in the Slovenian Alps, when I suddenly saw this marvellous haze in the fields rushing past the car window,' says Andrej. 'I decided to abandon Kranj and the nervous drivers. The sight in front of me was simply overwhelming. I cut myself off from civilisation and plunged into the silent light of the rising sun. The rays shone through the morning haze for a timeless and graceful shot.'



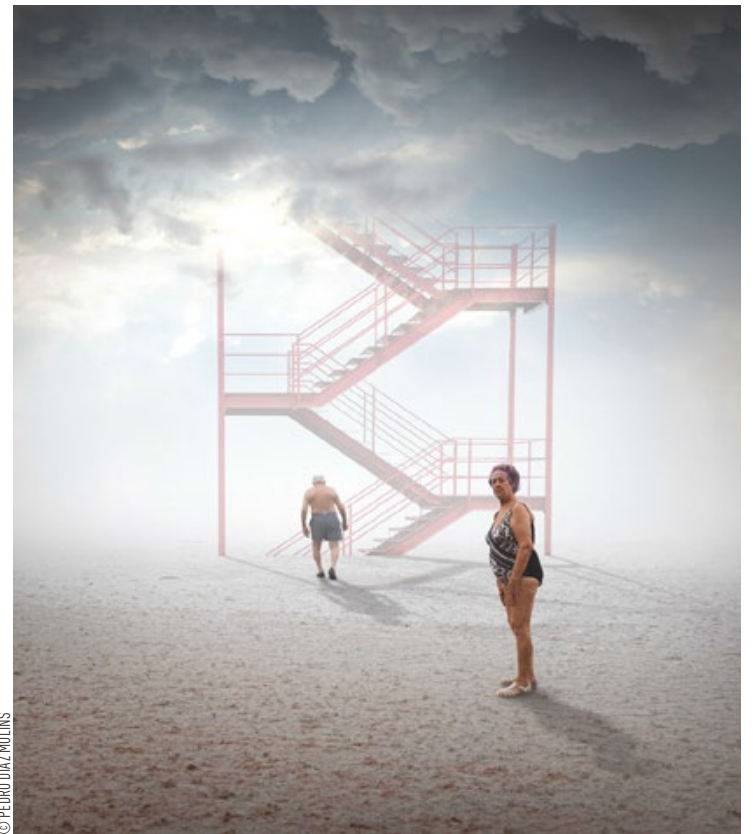
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**Open Photographer of the Year**  
**'Enchanted Bamboo Forest'**  
 by Kei Nomiyama

Japan  
 'Firefly season in Japan occurs at the beginning of the rainy season,' says Kei. 'This firefly is a species called *Luciola parvula*, and it blinks repeatedly. Fireflies in bamboo forests are rare and their population decreases every year, partly because of environmental destruction. This picture was taken under moonlight.'



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**Enhanced**  
**'Planned**  
**Obsolescence'** by  
 Pedro Diaz Molins

Spain  
 'This is the result of five blended photos. I adjusted the shadows for a more realistic result,' says Pedro. 'The old woman in the foreground has a strong pose and is staring at the viewer. The old man in the background completes the story, as he heads towards the staircase.'

**Split Second**  
**'Splashing Birds'**  
 by Chaiyot Chanyam

Thailand  
 'I saw these two birds sipping water on a bank, unaware of the incoming crashing waves,' says Chaiyot. 'It's all about anticipating what is going to happen. If you couldn't see what was coming, you wouldn't be able to take such a picture, no matter how fast your camera.'



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## Nature & Wildlife Untitled by Michaela Smidova

Czech Republic

'When I saw this polar bear swimming in the water,' says Michaela, 'my goal was to capture his joy and energy.'



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## People 'Cuba Beach/ Reuters' by Alexandre Meneghini Brazil

➤ 'On Sunday 28 April 2015 Cuba registered a temperature of 39.7°C – 0.1° less than the island's record – as reported by José Rubiera, director of the National Forecast Centre, part of the Institute of Meteorology of Cuba,' says Alexandre.



## Youth Culture 'Salt Cleansing' by Sepehr Jamshidi Fard

Iran

'Lake Urmia in Iran has always been a place where people cleanse,' says Sepehr. 'They cleanse their skin from the penetrating rays of the sun, and cleanse their minds and render it like the landscape itself; white, blank, with an indistinguishable horizon.'



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## Arts and Culture 'The Lantern Store' by Swee Choo Oh

Malaysia

◀ 'While walking along a street in the early morning, I was captivated by this wonderful lady starting her day, peacefully waiting for customers,' says Swee. 'She was perfectly framed by the store, with beautiful morning light illuminating the lanterns.'

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The overall winners of the Open category and the Youth category were announced on 21 April. All the winning and shortlisted images will be exhibited at Somerset House, Strand, London WC2R 1LA until 8 May and will then tour the world. The exhibition is accompanied by a book of the winning and selected shortlisted works, priced £34.99. If you would like to learn more about the competition or purchase the book, visit [www.worldphoto.org](http://www.worldphoto.org)



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## Avocets

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WITH their piebald plumage and upturned bill, the avocet is one of Britain's more striking and photogenic birds. In 1893 avocets became extinct in the UK due to land reclamation of their habitat. They returned during the 1940s and colonised coastal marshes that had been re-flooded as a defence against invasion by Germany. They have since increased and colonised many sites with an increasing breeding population of around 1,600 pairs.

### Habitat

Avocets breed on flat, open areas on the east and south coasts of England in summer. You can find them wading on mudflats, lagoons, beaches and estuaries.

### Best time to shoot

Winter is the time to seek out flocks of avocets. When they take to the air they fly in tight formation and beautiful images can be created. With shots such as these, getting close is not necessarily desirable, so a telephoto zoom within the 80-500mm range is ideal.

By April, avocets are arriving at traditional breeding sites and there is a great deal of activity to photograph. Some might still be staying in tight flocks, while others start to pair up and establish a territory. By the end of the month, mating and territorial battles can provide the photographer with some interesting behavioural shots.



### David Tipling

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The avocet is a distinctive-looking bird, with its black-and-white plumage and curved bill

RSPB reserves are great venues to spot adults and their chicks



Avocets flying in close formation create some excellent photographic opportunities

### KIT LIST

#### Beanbag ▶

A beanbag is useful for resting your telephoto lens on when shooting from public hides.

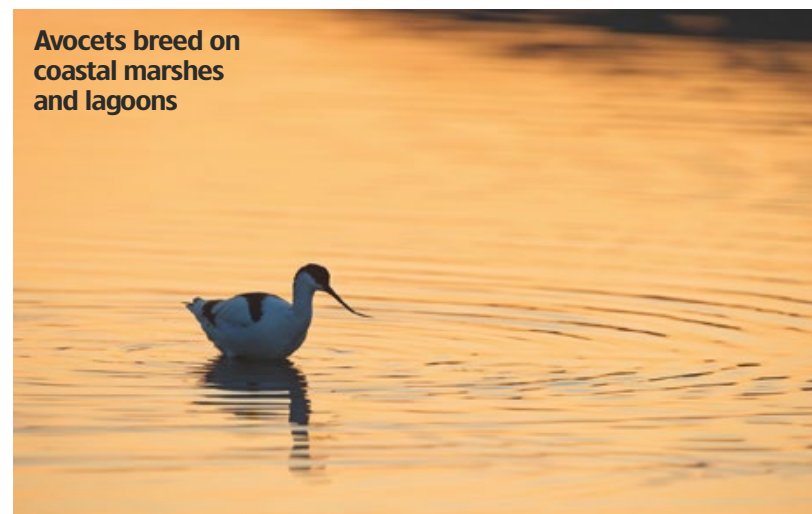


#### ▼ Teleconverter

A teleconverter gives extra reach, and chances are you will always want to be that little bit closer.



Avocets breed on coastal marshes and lagoons







## Shooting advice

### Never a dull moment

Once the chicks have hatched on wet or cool days, adults will frequently brood their young, calling the chicks over to huddle under their bodies. Intruding gulls, marsh harriers or other predators will be mobbed by adults. Photographing breeding avocets is never dull.

### Getting close

Avocets breed on coastal marshes and lagoons along England's south and east coasts. Large numbers are seen in winter in the southwest, with Poole Harbour in Dorset and the Exe Estuary in Devon being two hot spots.

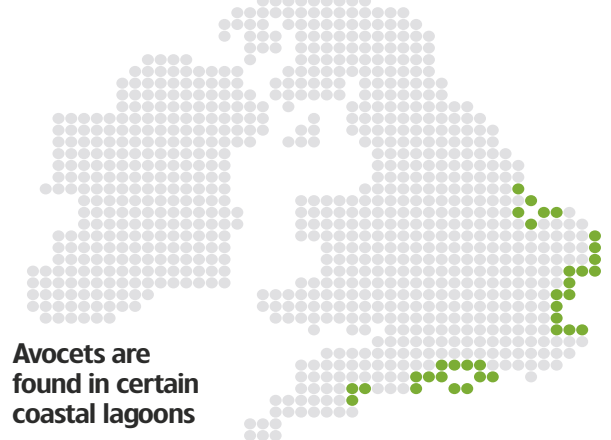
The best sites for photographing avocets during the breeding season are from public hides on RSPB reserves – quite apt, as the avocet is the society's distinctive logo. Their original stronghold of Minsmere in Suffolk (current home of the BBC's *Springwatch* programme) offers

close encounters and is my top spot for photographing them. Plus, this site offers lots of potential for getting great shots of many other species. Titchwell Marsh in Norfolk and a number of other smaller reserves are good, too. It's also worth looking on the internet to see where avocets are being photographed, with [www.birdguides.com](http://www.birdguides.com) a good resource.

### Shooting tips

Avocet flocks in flight can be quite tightly packed when flushed by a bird of prey or other predator. When they wheel round, it is the patterning on the upper wing that makes for a very attractive image. Use as large a depth of field as possible to keep as many birds in the flock in sharp focus.

Avocets aggressively defend their territories, even against harmless ducklings. So if focused on a breeding bird, be ready if another bird approaches, as it is likely the avocet will chase it off.



Avocets are found in certain coastal lagoons

## About the avocet

- **Location** In summer they can be found on coastal lagoons in the south and east of England, and the Exe estuary in winter.
- **Size** On average they are 42-45cm in length, with a wingspan of 77-80cm, and weigh about 140g.
- **Nest** This is a shallow scrape that sits on bare mud, made-up of short pieces or stems, roots and leaves.
- **Diet** The avocet's diet is typically aquatic insects and their larvae, as well as crustaceans and worms.
- **Population** The UK is home to some 1,600 breeding pairs in the summer, with the population swelling in winter to some 7,500 birds.



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Scary Monsters	Wildlife at home and abroad	4 June	26 June	30 July
Little Wonder	Macro (insects/flowers/plants)	2 Jul	31 Jul	27 Aug
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# Round Three

## Soul Love

PORTRAITS are not the easiest things to master. There are expectations attached to portraits that can be somewhat intimidating. Drawing out the hidden qualities and character of an individual is not always easy.

There are a number of things to consider, such as ensuring the correct focus and making sure your images are not full of superfluous background detail that fights with your photograph's subject for attention.

Great portrait subjects can be found in all walks of life, from

family and friends to your local shopkeeper and even strangers. There are no stipulations in this particular round as to how your images must be taken. You can employ both natural and artificial light, so if you've been avoiding getting to grips with your flashgun, this could be the round to get a little brave.

As always, we have excellent prizes to give away. If you'd like some helpful tips for shooting a confident portrait, please turn to page 36.

This image by Betina La Plante perfectly demonstrates the expressive qualities of combining low-key lighting with black & white



# Round Three Portraiture

We take a look at some tips and tricks to set you on your way to shooting confident portraits



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## Colour and monochrome

COLOUR and black & white can bring many things to a portrait, and often which one you choose can depend on the light. Low-key lighting works well with black & white. The film noir aesthetic can add real drama. If you're working with high-key lighting such as bright sunlight, you may find that your image benefits from the bright vivid colours

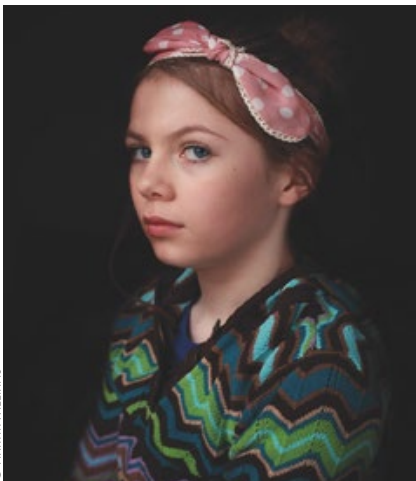
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## The right lens

PORTRAITS lend themselves to fast telephoto prime lenses, with 85mm a popular choice for full-frame shooters, 50mm on a cropped sensor and 42.5mm on a Four Thirds camera. The fast maximum apertures offer plenty of control over depth of field, allowing you to blur the background and isolate your subject.



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## Window light

ONE OF the most interesting ways to achieve a natural-light portrait is by working with window light. The tip here is to always remember to expose for the brightest areas of your subject to avoid blowing out the highlights. Also, remember to turn off any artificial lights in the room, particularly when you're working in colour, as correcting varying colour temperatures can be a nightmare.



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## On the streets

USUALLY, the idea of street photography is to blend in to capture those candid moments that may otherwise pass us by. However, on this occasion it may be worth taking a different approach. Asking to take someone's portrait may take many of you out of your comfort zone, but just the simple act of asking can lead to excellent results.







# Evening Class

Photoshop guru **Martin Evening** sorts out your photo-editing and post-processing problems

## Emphasising the smoke

THE ARCADIA show was one of the highlights of last summer's Glastonbury Festival in Somerset. Adrian Mills has captured a great view of the giant mechanical spider spewing fire, deliberately choosing to underexpose for the flames, which varied in intensity throughout the show. I can appreciate his reasoning, although this does

perhaps underestimate the ability of the sensor to hold highlight detail. Even so, it was possible to lighten the image at the raw-processing stage to reveal the detail and drama in the captured scene. In the following steps, I show how increasing the Clarity slider setting helped emphasise the smoke and flames.

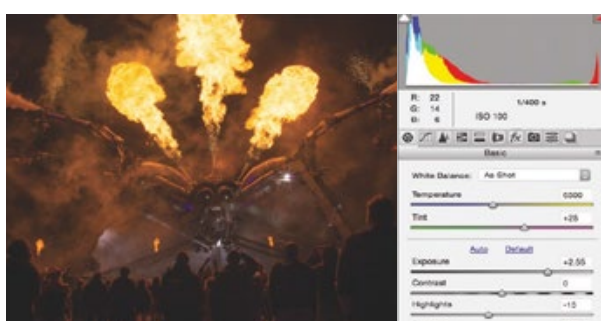
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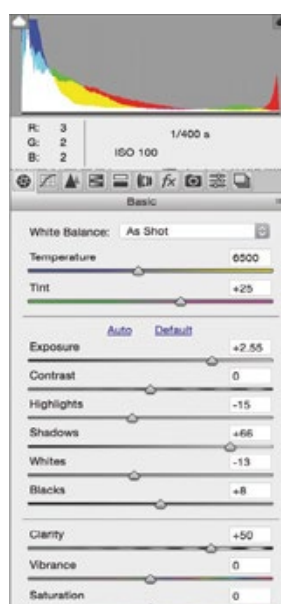


### 1 Lighten the exposure

I opened the raw image in Camera Raw, and applied a +2.55 Exposure adjustment to lighten the image. As you can see, the histogram shows an expanded range of tones where the highlight detail in the flames is only just beginning to clip. I also increased the Shadows setting to lighten the shadow areas.

### 2 Add Clarity

The next step was to fine-tune the Whites and Blacks sliders to boost the tone contrast. After that, I went to the Presence section and set the Clarity slider to +50. This setting added localised contrast to the texture of the smoke and flames. It also made the backlit members of the audience stand out more.



### 3 Darken the highlights further

For the final step, I went to the HSL/Grayscale panel, where I clicked to activate the Luminance tab. Next, I selected the Target Adjustment Tool and, by clicking and dragging on the image, was able to lighten the Reds and Oranges colours, thereby adding more brightness and contrast to the scene.



BEFORE



## Darkening the mood

THIS photograph of an avenue of beech trees was taken by Andrew Wilson at the Dark Hedges near Ballymoney, in Northern Ireland. The picture was shot using a Nikon D600 with a Nikkor 28-300mm f/3.5-5.6 lens at the 300mm lens setting, and the exposure was 1/125sec at f/5.6. This was pushing the technical limits of what one could expect to capture using these settings. I assume Andrew had the vibration reduction enabled in order to

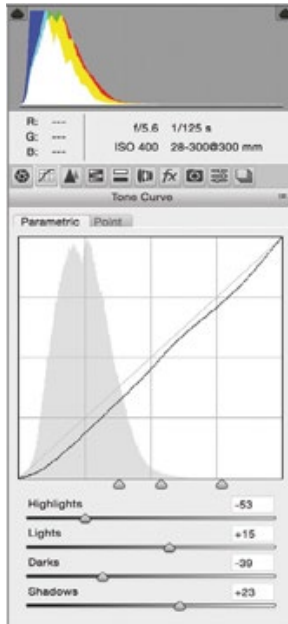
### 1 Darken the exposure

In this first step, I adjusted the Basic panel settings to darken the exposure, and set the Contrast slider to -60 to reduce the global contrast. At the same time, I set the Clarity slider to +100 to boost the midtone contrast. I also manually adjusted the white balance to make the photograph appear warmer.



### 2 Add a Tone Curve adjustment

Having applied global and localised contrast adjustments in the first step, I then went to the Tone Curve panel to fine-tune the overall contrast. Here, I applied the parametric sliders to carefully manage the tone balance between the shadows, midtones and highlights.



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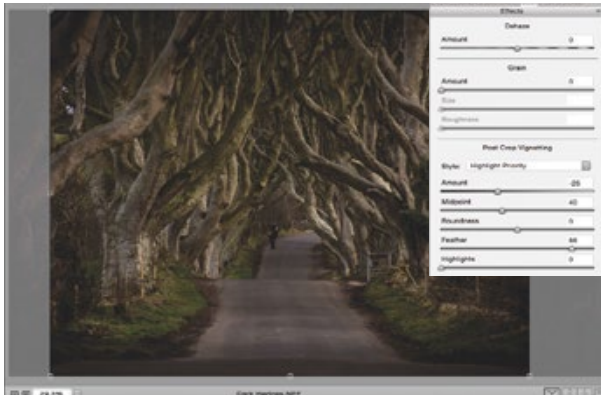


reduce the camera shake. Ideally, the camera should have been mounted on a tripod, and a smaller lens aperture used to increase the depth of field. I like the final image, though, and the fact the original was shot lighter did

not inhibit choosing to apply a darker processing treatment. This is because exposing to the right enables you to capture more levels of tone information, and therefore have more tone detail to edit with.

### 3 Add a darkening vignette

Finally, I selected the Crop tool and removed the trees either side. Next, I went to the Effects panel, where I adjusted the Amount slider to apply a soft feathered, negative Highlight Priority adjustment that darkened the corners of the photograph.



BEFORE



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## Clarity adjustments

REGULAR readers will have often heard me refer to the Clarity slider as either a midtone contrast or localised contrast-adjustment tool. While the main Contrast slider adds contrast across the entire tonal range, the Clarity slider is a contrast-boosting adjustment that selectively targets the midtone areas only. Adding Clarity can make a photograph appear more contrasty without causing the shadow or highlight tones to clip. Essentially, it adds edge contrast that targets the midtones, gently ramping off towards the highlights and shadows. The Clarity slider is particularly useful for adding more contrast when making prints on matt paper, where you have a restricted print tone range.

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Spotlight on readers' excellent images and how they captured them



## Yasir Mehmood, Pakistan



While Yasir is a designer by trade, he actually identifies photography as his real passion, specifically images of nature and wildlife. He especially loves the colour combinations found on insects and is addicted to using photography to

capture their almost fantastical forms. He is always experimenting with new techniques to get better results. In the future, he hopes to develop a stronger eye for subjects, and to become more experienced with his combination of a Nikon D5200 and Sigma 70-300mm lens with extension tubes and macro filters.

### Protector

**1** The nicely framed image is about contrasts. We have the jagged, severe form of the spider against the smooth form of the butterfly. We also see a distinction in the colours of the bodies  
Nikon D5200, 70-300mm, 1/40sec, ISO 200

### The Different Love

**2** Where image 1 was about contrasts, here we have a shot that complements. The sections of the caterpillar's body sit nicely against the eggs on the branch  
Nikon D5200, 70-300mm, 1/25sec, ISO 100



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### Sleeping Beauty

**3** Here we see the real potential of well-executed macro photography. The colours are especially vivid and the detail of the various components throughout the frame truly hold your attention  
Nikon D5200, 70-300mm, 1/30sec, ISO 100





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### My Sharp Nails

4 The principles of lighting still apply no matter how close you are to a subject. Notice how the light interacts with the insect to highlight the right eye and bring out the subtle detail of the antennae  
Nikon D5200, 70-300mm, 1/40sec, ISO 400

### The Hopper Window

4 This is a wonderful image that makes excellent use of a natural frame and photogenic subject. The simple colour palette of the scene also works particularly well  
Nikon D5200, 70-300mm, 1/25sec, ISO 400



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# Accessories

Useful gadgets to enhance your photography, from phones to filters...

## 4V Design Lusso Large leather camera strap

With the promise of exceptional-quality materials, is this strap one of the best around? **AP** finds out

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### At a glance

- Made from quality leather and cotton
- Comfortable shoulder pad
- Includes camera-fitting kit

ONE OF the most interesting companies at The Photography Show in March was 4V Design. It produces a range of camera straps for compact cameras to DSLRs. It stood out because of the sheer quality of its products and the attention it pays to design. We tried the Lusso Large leather camera strap, the biggest in the company's range. It's primarily designed to hold a DSLR, but is suitable for anything substantial.

Most 4V Design products are made from leather, but this model features a 20mm wide cotton ribbon for the main part of the strap, with a Tuscany leather shoulder pad and detailing. On the underside of the shoulder pad is what 4V Design calls ultra-grip technology; in essence, it's a material that gives the shoulder pad additional grip to prevent it rubbing. The pad has memory foam, too, to make it more comfortable. It's shaped and curved so it's ready to use straight out of the box, while as a final flourish its edges are hand painted.

Our review strap was black with black stitching, but there are other colours, including light brown tan with tan stitching and a dark green wash leather with cyan stitching.

### In use

While we prefer 4V Design's full-leather Classic strap, the all-black Lusso strap is understated and does match up well with a black camera. The cotton is durable and supple, which makes it easy to scrunch up in your kit back. It's clearly strong enough to hold a reasonable weight, too. In short, we found the Lusso Large leather camera strap to be incredibly comfortable. It certainly made light work of carrying a Canon EOS 5D Mark II with a large lens.



### Adjustable strap

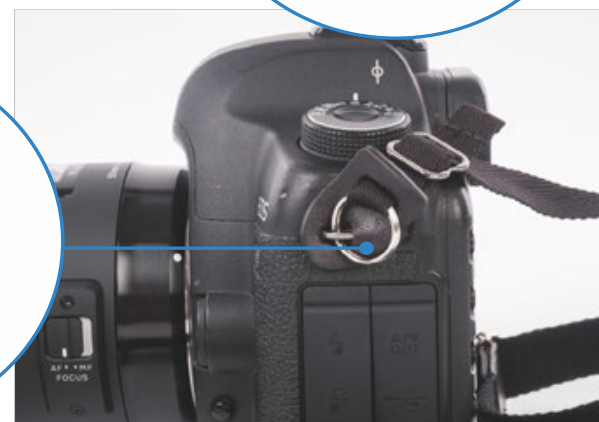
The adjustment range is a generous 32-100cm, so it will suit most users.

### Attachment band

The attachment band is used to secure the strap to the camera.

### Inclusive fitting kit

The spring rings suit Nikon DSLR lugs better than Canon.



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### ALSO CONSIDER

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Something a bit different from the norm is the Ergo wrist strap. This small, well-designed strap is ideal for anyone who likes their camera to hand at all times, but keeps it secure, too.



#### 4V Design Classic Large strap

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This strap is similar to the Lusso, although in place of cotton ribbon it features leather. It comes in the same colours, but there are a couple of additional styles, too.



#### 4V Design Canvas ALA Strap

£89

With the ALA, the shoulder pad makes up practically the entire strap. The top is made of canvas, it's finished with Tuscan leather and the underside is suede. What's not to like?





# Master Lock Bluetooth Smart Padlock 4400D

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MASTER Lock is one of the biggest names in padlocks and combination locks. One of its latest products is a Bluetooth padlock. The new Master Lock Bluetooth Smart Padlock 4400D can be opened by authorised users when they have their Bluetooth-enabled smartphone in range. Photographers often carry a lot of expensive kit, so this feature could be a convenient way of having control over your equipment's security.

To operate it, users need to install the Master Lock Vaults eLocks app for their iOS or Android smart device. The padlock then needs to be registered to the user before being set up and paired. The registered user can now use the app to do a variety of things. They can invite people to download the app, and grant them permission to open the lock. For example, if you are at a wedding and you have a bag of camera gear, you can grant access to the padlock both to yourself and to a second shooter. Nobody else can access it.

Crucially, the registered user is able to manage when other users can open the lock, as well as cancelling their permission to open it at all. The app will tell you who accessed the padlock last and when. It will even tell you if someone has attempted but failed to open it. The lock's battery is like one you find in a wristwatch and Master Lock says it has a two-year life.

The advantage of this padlock is that there is no key to lose or combination to forget. If you're thinking, 'But what if I lose my phone?', Master Lock has that covered, too. There's a directional, or control, pad on the front. Using a unique combination of up, down, left and right, you can open the lock.

The padlock worked perfectly in testing. We were able to open it with a phone and when we disconnected Bluetooth, it denied us access. We also invited a guest to use it and it worked just as well for them, too. For users who have a studio with a locked cupboard full of kit, photographers sharing a Peli Case containing cameras for location work or for securing your gear in a hotel room while travelling, this lock is really useful. **AP**



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- 1in, 20.1MP sensor
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- ISO 125-12,800 standard, 80-25,600 extended
- 1.166-million-dot electronic viewfinder
- 1.04-million-dot 3in touchscreen
- 4K 30p/25p video recording and 4K Photo
- Price £530



The TZ100 delivers fine-looking images in good light, although colours are slightly muted compared with images from some other brands

# Panasonic Lumix DMC-TZ100

**Andy Westlake** investigates Panasonic's pocket travel camera that combines a 1in sensor and 10x zoom lens

## For and against

- + Really useful zoom range covers most subjects
- + Excellent image quality from 1in sensor
- + Pocketable design
- + Well-implemented in-camera raw conversion
- Electronic viewfinder is rather small
- Enthusiast photographers may find the controls frustrating
- Fixed rear LCD limits compositional flexibility

## Where in the range



### Panasonic Lumix DMC-TZ80

Price £330

The TZ80 is the latest model in Panasonic's long-running travel zoom range and has a small 1/2.3in 18MP sensor coupled with a 24-720mm lens



### Panasonic Lumix DMC-LX100

Price £500

Designed for enthusiast photographers, the LX100 has extensive manual controls and a fast 24-75mm f/1.7-2.8 lens

## Data file

Sensor	20.1MP, 1in MOS
Output size	5,472x3,648
Lens	25-250mm equiv f/2.8-5.9
Shutter speeds	60-1/2000 sec; 1-1/16,000sec electronic
Exposure modes	PASM, iAuto, scene
Metering Modes	Multi, centreweighted, spot
Sensitivity	ISO 125-12,800 standard, ISO 80-25,600 extended
Exp comp	±5EV in 1/3 steps
Continuous Shooting	10fps; 5fps with AF tracking
Screen	3in 1.04-million-dot touchscreen
Viewfinder	0.2in 1.16-million-dot EVF
AF points	49
Video	4K (3,840 x 2,160), 30fps or 25fps
External mic	No
Memory card	SD, SDHX, SDXC
Power	DMW-BLG10E Li-ion
Battery life	300 shots (LCD); 240 shots (EVF)
Dimensions	110.5x64.5x44.3mm
Weight	310g with battery and card

Perhaps because it was never a traditional film-camera company, Panasonic always tries to find ways of offering something beyond the ordinary with its Lumix cameras. It invented the 'travel-zoom' class by combining a long-zoom range with a compact, portable body when it launched the original Lumix DMC-TZ1 in 2006. More recently, it has embraced video technology, offering high-resolution 4K recording in most of its cameras, along with associated 4K Photo modes that use the same technology to shoot high-speed stills. For 2016, it has combined these in a pair of new TZ models. The first of these, the TZ80, which we reviewed in AP 2 April, is essentially an iteration of last year's TZ70, with a small 1/2.3in





sensor and 30x optical zoom. However, the subject of this article, the TZ100, is a very different beast. It employs a much larger 20-million-pixel, 1in sensor that promises much-improved image quality. The main trade-off is a less-extensive zoom, although its 10x 25–250mm-equivalent range should still be more than sufficient for most purposes. All this fits in a body that's just slightly thicker than the TZ80, and that fits in a coat pocket or small bag.

In essence, the TZ100 promises to shake up the travel-zoom class in much the same way as Sony's Cyber-shot DSC-RX100 upstaged all previous enthusiast compacts in 2012. For the first time, it should give the kind of image quality that won't disappoint critical enthusiasts, in a way its smaller-sensor cousins could never quite

manage. It also offers a decent level of manual-exposure control, along with a built-in electronic viewfinder. So the question we need to answer is simple: is the TZ100 the pocket travel camera that serious photographers have been waiting for?

### Features

It's safe to say that the TZ100 offers one of the richest feature sets of any pocket camera to date. First, there's that hugely flexible lens range, which covers a very respectable 25mm equivalent wideangle to a decently long 250mm equivalent telephoto. This immediately places the TZ100 in a class of its own among 1in-sensor compacts for compositional flexibility; its closest competitor, the Canon PowerShot G5 X, tops out at 100mm. To get

any more range, you'll need a much larger bridge-type model.

The price you pay is a pretty modest f/2.8–5.9 maximum aperture (via f/4.1 at 50mm, and f/5.2 at 100mm), which makes the TZ100 less suited to low-light shooting or experimenting with shallow depth of field effects compared to shorter zoom cameras such as the Sony Cyber-shot DSC-RX100 IV or the Canon PowerShot G5 X. The minimum aperture is f/8, which makes sense on a 1in sensor to avoid diffraction blurring, but means that there's only limited adjustment available, especially at the telephoto end of the zoom, where it's less than a stop.

Headline specs include a native sensitivity range of ISO 125–12,800, which is extendable to ISO 80–25,600. Continuous

shooting is available at 10fps with focus and exposure fixed at the start of the burst, or 5fps with focus adjustment between frames. Hybrid 5-axis optical/electronic image stabilisation helps avoid image blur from camera shake.

As mentioned at the start, Panasonic has included 4K video recording, at frame rates of up to 30fps. This technology enables a 4K Photo mode, which in effect allows users to shoot high-speed bursts of images and easily extract single frames as 8MP stills. It's well implemented and genuinely useful when shooting moving subjects.

The firm's recent 4K Post Focus mode is also included. This takes a series of images at different focus distances and stores them together as a movie format file. In playback mode, this effectively allows you to





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With its 25-250mm equivalent zoom lens, the TZ100 covers a broad range of shooting opportunities from wideangle to telephoto

➤ refocus the image by tapping on the screen. Panasonic considers this sufficiently clever to merit its own button on the camera's back, but I'm really not convinced it's much more than a gimmick: there just aren't that many situations where it's useful.

Naturally, Wi-Fi is built in, allowing you to control the camera remotely using your smartphone or tablet, and copy images to the device for sharing with friends and family. Oddly for a travel camera, however, the TZ100 doesn't have built-in GPS. Instead, the idea is that you use your smartphone to record a GPS log via the Panasonic Image App, then geo-tag your images by syncing the data with the camera over Wi-Fi. In practice, this actually works fine so long as you remember to enable it on your phone, but it's an additional step and less convenient than having the process built-in.

### Build and handling

With a metal body shell, the TZ100 feels sturdy and well made, as befits a £550 camera. The top-plate dials click with a pleasing precision and the lens-control ring rotates with silky smoothness. Combined with the modern-looking design and smooth surface finish, it really feels like a premium product. The camera comes in two colour schemes, either conventional all black or the distinctively styled 'red' version we used for this review. This has a mostly gunmetal body with a contrasting titanium finish to the right top-plate, separated by a sliver of red. I wasn't convinced by this at first sight, but quickly grew to like it. If anything, I'd love to see Panasonic offering more colours for that extra element of personalisation.

When you come to start shooting with it, though, the TZ100 quickly shows some



Like most long-range zooms the lens is weaker at the telephoto end, but it can still deliver good results, aided by effective image stabilisation

limitations. The handgrip is very small, and there's only a small, ill-defined space to put your thumb. Many camera manufacturers have taken to designing sculpted, ergonomic thumb grips as they can work wonders on small cameras, and it's a shame Panasonic hasn't followed suit. Combined with the slippery, smooth metal finish, it means that the camera doesn't feel very secure when held one-handed. I'd recommend using a wrist strap at the very least, and ideally a better one than Panasonic supplies in the box.

For a camera that's aimed at enthusiast photographers, the control layout leaves a little to be desired. The front control dial feels rather underused: when it's not being used for manual focus, it simply replicates the function of the top dial in changing shutter speed or aperture. However, it can't be used to change other

settings, such as ISO, when they're activated by pressing a button; instead you have to use the D-pad or top dial, which ends up needing a lot of thumb movement. Oddly, that top dial works in the opposite direction to normal when changing exposure settings: to select a smaller aperture or faster shutter speed, you have to rotate it clockwise by moving your thumb leftwards.

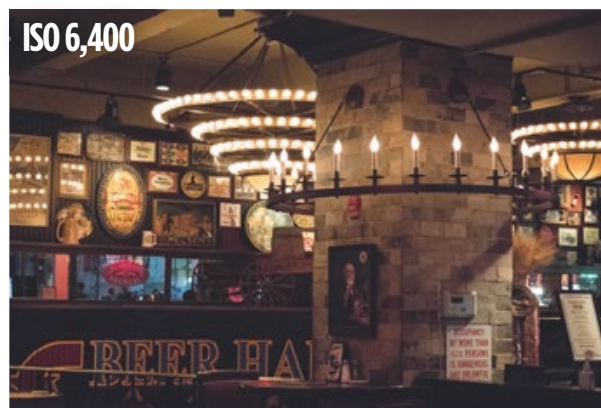
Pressing the 'up' arrow on the D-pad accesses exposure compensation. This is fairly standard for a compact camera, but still annoying for anyone who's become used to a dedicated dial. Strangely, ISO isn't assigned a button by default, but I set it onto the 4K Post-Focus button (Fn2). The focus area can be set using the touchscreen, but I found I frequently set it accidentally with either my thumb brushing the top right corner of the screen or (being a left-eyed shooter) ➤

## Pocket camera lenses: range vs speed

THE OTHER small pocket cameras currently on the market all use shorter zooms, with rather faster maximum apertures. In many ways this is the main factor to consider when choosing between the TZ100 and cameras like the Sony RX100 IV series or Canon G5 X.

Which is the better choice depends on how you shoot. I tend to use telephotos quite a lot, so the TZ100 suits me well. I also found that the slow aperture of the lens wasn't quite the handicap I expected in low light, given the sensor's decent performance at high ISOs and the effective image stabilisation.

The examples on the right show a bar interior shot at ISO 6,400 and a night-time shot taken at ISO 12,800 towards the long end of the



TZ100's zoom. Image quality of the former is marginal, and a camera with a faster lens would have been preferable here. However, for the



second, I'd have needed to crop heavily to get the same composition, revealing more noise and negating any advantage of the faster lens.



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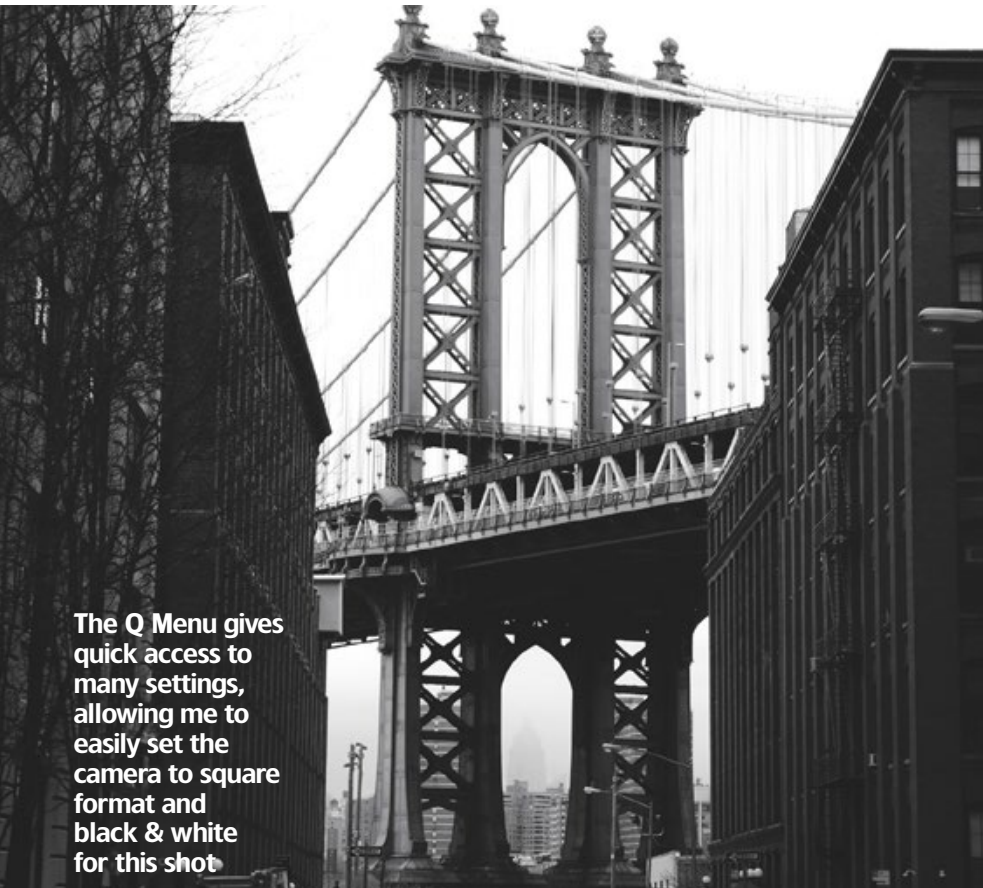
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The Q Menu gives quick access to many settings, allowing me to easily set the camera to square format and black & white for this shot

➤ my nose. If you can't get on with using the touchscreen, then you can assign one of the physical Fn buttons to access focus-area selection instead.

Most secondary settings can be accessed either from the D-pad or the on-screen Q Menu. With Panasonic's well-considered touch interface, this allows you to access and change a lot of options very quickly. The touchscreen is also handy for browsing images during playback. However, if you don't want to use it, you can turn it off completely and just use the buttons and dials instead, although this may slow some things down.

All in all, I found the TZ100 perfectly usable, although not as nice to shoot with as the best enthusiast compacts around, particularly when using the viewfinder. However, you won't find a travel-zoom-type camera that handles much better.

### Viewfinder and screen

The TZ100 offers two viewing choices while shooting – either the built-in 1.14-million-dot electronic viewfinder or the 3in 1.04-million-dot LCD. At just 0.42x magnification, the EVF is really very small and it's rather high in contrast, too, giving a distinctly different rendition of the scene when compared with the LCD. Even so, it's very useful when shooting in bright light, and a lot better than not having an EVF at all. But I'd have much preferred to see a larger

viewfinder, even at the expense of camera size.

The rear screen is very good, giving a more accurate preview of the final image than the EVF, but its fixed design now feels like an anachronism. Clearly Panasonic is aiming to keep the camera's size to a minimum, but I missed the additional compositional flexibility offered by an articulated screen.

### Autofocus

Panasonic has spent a long time perfecting its AF systems and the TZ100 benefits from the firm's unique Depth from Defocus technology. This uses knowledge of the lens's optical characteristics when the image is out of focus to determine the correct focus distance. The system works remarkably well, focusing quickly and accurately in almost any situation. The focus point can be placed anywhere in the frame using the touchscreen, and face-detection and subject-tracking modes can be enabled.

Often cameras with relatively slow zoom lenses struggle with focusing in low light, but the TZ100 performs remarkably well. It's only really when trying to shoot in extremely dark conditions that it shows any sign of failing. So if you want to take a lot of pictures in very dimly lit bars, it may not be the best choice; otherwise it should be just fine.

Switch to manual-focus mode and the dial around the lens ➤

## Focal points

The TZ100's 10x zoom and 1in sensor make it a near-perfect pocket camera for travelling

### USB charging

The battery charges via the micro USB connector, which is handy for topping up from a power bank while travelling.

### Eye sensor

This sensor automatically switches viewing from the LCD to the EVF when the camera is held up to your eye.

### Top-plate microphones

Stereo mics on either side of the flash record sound for video.

### Pop-up flash

The tiny built-in flash is released by sliding a button on the back.



### On-screen touch buttons

A set of user-customisable touch buttons gives an additional layer of control.

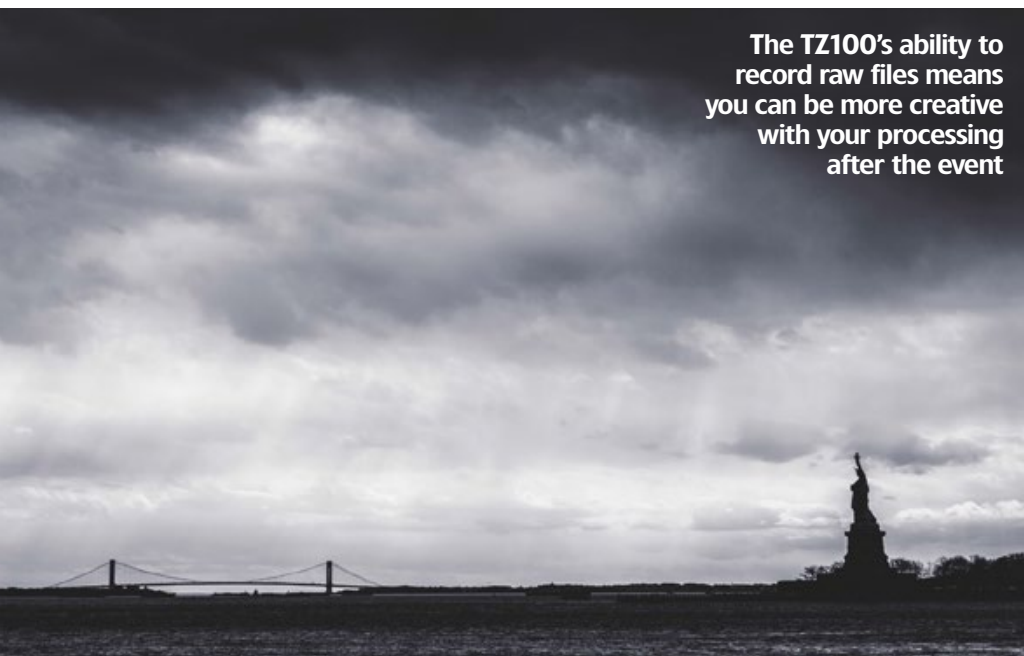
### Battery

The DMW-BLG10E Li-ion battery is also used in the GF6, GX7, GX0 and TZ80, and rated for between

240 and 300 shots per charge, depending on whether you use the EVF or LCD.







The TZ100's ability to record raw files means you can be more creative with your processing after the event

ring. Panasonic has included a peaking display and magnified view, which can be combined together. I found this made it easy to achieve manual focus when desired, except in very low-light situations where the display becomes too noisy.

## Metering, white balance and colour

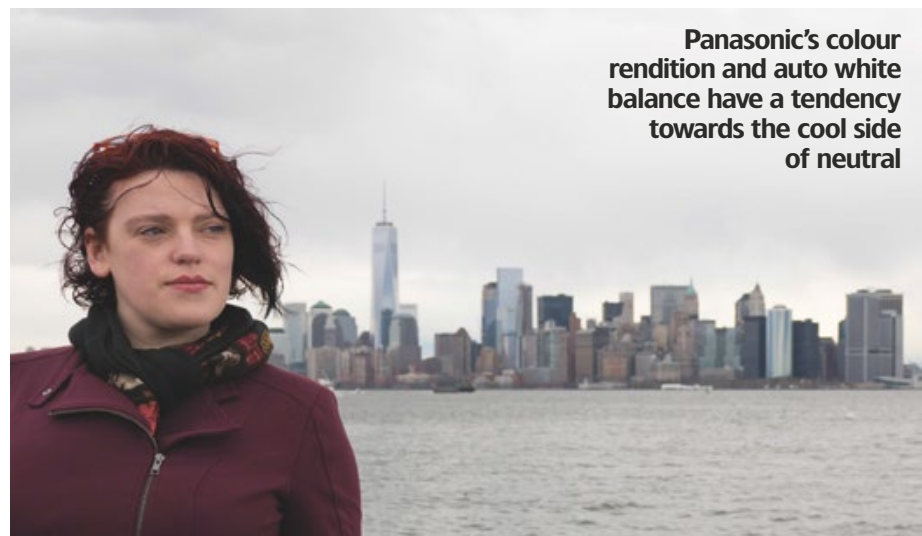
Left to its own devices, the TZ100's metering handles most scenes relatively well. It doesn't quite have the uncanny consistency of the best of its peers, and I found myself using exposure compensation regularly to either tame clipped highlights in bright light, or brighten up dark exposures in dull conditions. Of course, the great advantage of electronic viewing is that you can see all this before you take the shot, and there's the option of a live histogram to help you judge.

Panasonic's standard JPEG colour rendition is accurate and perfectly pleasant, although not as punchy or crowd-pleasing as some other brands. In terms of white balance, the TZ100 tends to give slightly cool results in daylight,

while erring to the side of warmth under artificial light, although it's not unpleasant. Crucially, the odd colour casts that previously could beset Panasonic cameras seem to have been eliminated. On occasions when the camera does get things wrong, you can use the well-implemented in-camera raw development to choose a more appropriate white balance.

Low ISO images are packed full of fine detail, but even at ISO 400 noise starts to have a visible impact on pixel-level detail. Even so, I was quite happy shooting up to ISO 1,600, which gives plenty good enough results for online sharing and small prints. Higher settings result in noisy images with little shadow detail, but can still be usable on occasion, especially when converted to black & white. Meanwhile, the lens delivers plenty of detail at wideangle and holds up well through to about 100mm equivalent, but gets noticeably softer beyond. The optical image stabilisation works well, but only within reason: if you try to shoot one-handed at full telephoto, for example, you'll likely get shaky and blurred results.

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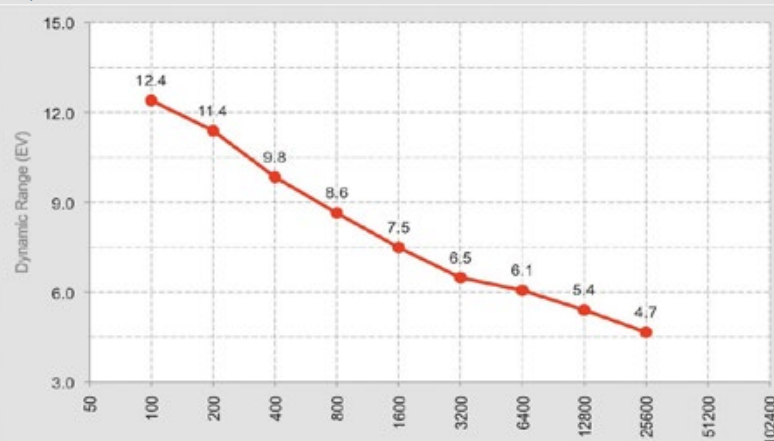
Panasonic's colour rendition and auto white balance have a tendency towards the cool side of neutral

# Lab results

Andrew Sydenham's lab tests reveal just how the camera performs

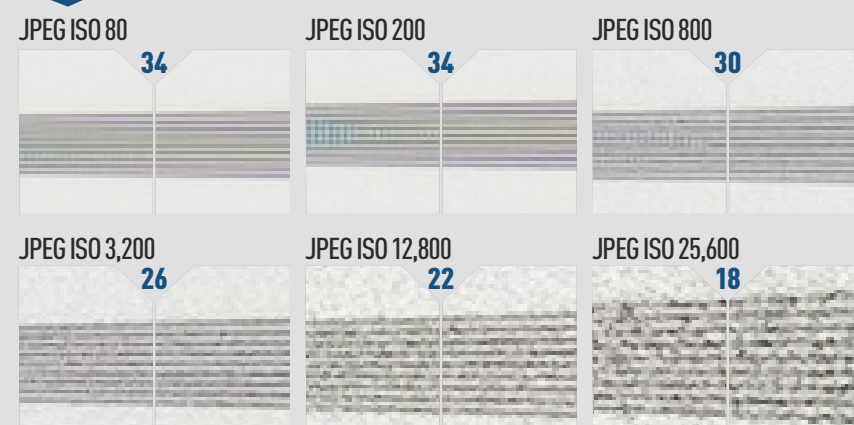
Over the past few years, the 1in, 20.1MP BSI-CMOS sensor that's used in the TZ100 has become very familiar, and the image quality Panasonic is extracting from it is as we've come to know and love. At base ISO, there are stacks of detail and not very much noise, but raising the sensitivity setting sees detail loss from noise and noise reduction becoming detectable as low as ISO 400. But while it's best to stick to low ISOs as far as possible, you'll still get entirely tolerable results up to ISO 1,600. It's important to get exposures as close as possible to correct, though, because there's not as much leeway for adjusting exposure after the event in post-processing as you'll get from raw files from larger-sensor cameras.

## Dynamic range



The main take-home message from our Applied Imaging dynamic range tests is that, while the TZ100 scores very well at low ISO, the numbers fall off very rapidly as the sensitivity is raised. A measured dynamic range of 12.4EV at ISO 100 indicates that it's possible to pull a fair bit more detail out of dark shadows when processing raw. But by ISO 800 this ability has more or less completely gone, and at ISO 3,200 and above low readings indicate that there's very little shadow detail at all. Sub-6EV readings at the top ISO settings emphasise their poor quality.

## Resolution



With its 20.1MP sensor, the TZ100 can record a whole lot of detail, and this shows in our resolution tests. As usual, it performs best in raw, and here we see it achieving at least 3,400l/ph at low ISOs with the lens set to 35mm (equivalent) and f/4, which is about as much as we could possibly hope for. Noise starts to have a clear impact on detail at ISO 800 and by ISO 3,200 resolution has dropped to around 2,600l/ph. At the top standard setting of ISO 12,800 and the extended ISO 25,600 setting in particular, resolution falls dramatically because of the impact of noise.



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JPEG ISO 80



JPEG ISO 200



JPEG ISO 800



JPEG ISO 3,200



JPEG ISO 6,400



JPEG ISO 12,800



At low ISO settings, TZ100 files show lots of detail with just the barest hint of noise. The extended low ISO 80 setting is very clean indeed, but is a bit more prone to losing detail in the highlights compared to the standard settings of ISO 125 and above. At ISO 800, luminance noise is beginning to mask fine detail if you look at your images closely, but this is unlikely to show up in prints of 12x8in or smaller. By ISO 3,200, however, there's a much greater impact on fine detail, but Panasonic's JPEG processing maintains colour well. ISO 6,400 is about as high as you'd ever want to go, with little in the way of shadow detail remaining, and the higher settings are very noisy indeed. ISO 12,800 can just about be usable when converted to black & white, but I'd steer clear of the extended ISO 25,600 setting.

# The competition



## Sony Cyber-shot DSC-RX100 IV

Price: £760

Sensor: 20MP 1in CMOS

Lens: 24-70mm equiv f/1.8-2.8

The latest in Sony's popular RX100 range features a pop-up viewfinder and 4K video recording in a very compact, genuinely pocketable body. A stacked sensor design enables high-speed shooting at 16fps.



## Canon PowerShot G5 X

Price: £580

Sensor: 20MP 1in BSI-CMOS

Lens: 24-100mm equiv f/1.8-2.8

One of the best-handling compact cameras around, Canon's G5 X has a standout lens that combines a useful zoom range with a large aperture. It also has a decent-sized centrally mounted viewfinder and an articulated LCD.



## Olympus Stylus IS

Price: £300

Sensor: 12MP 1/1.7in CMOS

Lens: 28-300mm equiv f/2.8

Olympus's SLR-styled travel zoom has a large electronic viewfinder and handles nicely. The 28-300mm equivalent f/2.8 lens is versatile enough and while image quality can't match its 1in sensor competitors, the price doesn't, either.

# Our verdict

LET'S get one thing straight from the start – the Panasonic Lumix DMC-TZ100 is the best pocket travel camera money can buy right now. Its 1in sensor and 25-250mm-equivalent lens give a great combination of image quality and zoom range in a body that's still small enough to slip into a jacket pocket. I took it on a week-long trip to New York expecting to use it occasionally as a back-up to my 'proper' camera, but ended up carrying it all the time instead, and found it delivered fine results under almost any conditions – indoors or outdoors, sunny or cloudy, day or night. This is its purpose in life, and it fulfils it better than any of its peers. Yes, I'd have got technically better image quality from a DSLR or CSC, but I was pleased with what I got from the TZ100, and it was so much easier to carry around.

Indeed, in practical use, the TZ100 is a quite likeable little

camera, although the EVF is painfully small and the lack of a tilting screen is disappointing. The controls aren't as well thought out as those on the best enthusiast compacts I've used, either, so not all functions are easy to access quickly. In terms of handling, the TZ100 feels rather like a point-and-shoot that's developed pretensions to greater things, but that's not surprising given its lineage.

Overall, the TZ100 reminds me very much of the original Sony RX100: it's operationally flawed and sometimes frustrating to use, but capable of results so far ahead of its smaller-sensor rivals that it practically renders them obsolete. Literally nothing else on the market can offer a similar combination of zoom range, portability and image quality. If you're looking for a small camera to take on holiday this summer instead of a DSLR, then without question, the TZ100 should be right at the top of your shortlist.



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BUILD & HANDLING	7/10
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This long exposure was taken at Southwold, Suffolk, with a Cokin Nuances 8-stop ND256 filter attached to the lens



# Sony FE 24-70mm f/2.8 GM

Is **Sony's** professional-grade standard zoom for the full-frame FE mount everything Alpha 7 users have been waiting for? **Michael Topham** pairs it with the Sony Alpha 7R II to find out

In its infancy, the Sony Alpha 7 series fell short of offering its users a wide range of lenses. As is often the case with any new camera system, it took time for the full-frame FE mount to establish itself, but now, a couple of years down the line from the launch of the original Alpha 7 and Alpha 7R, Sony Alpha 7 users are much better catered for.

One area of the lens line-up we've been patiently waiting for the manufacturer to address is the absence of zoom lenses capable

of shooting faster than f/4. Until recently, photographers wishing to couple faster zooms to an Alpha 7-series body have needed an adapter to use either Sony's own A-mount lenses or those from manufacturers such as Canon or Nikon. It has been a long time coming, but it's encouraging to see Sony launch a series of faster full-frame FE-mount lenses labelled G-Master (GM) lenses, designed to sit above the current G-series range. Currently, there are three lenses that

make up the GM line-up. The first of these under the spotlight this week is the Sony FE 24-70mm f/2.8 GM. We'll be following it with reviews of the new Sony FE 85mm f/1.4 GM and Sony FE 70-200mm f/2.8 GM OSS in the coming weeks.

## Features

Compared with the smaller and lighter Sony Carl Zeiss Vario-Tessar T\* FE 24-70mm f/4 ZA OSS – a lens with an optical construction of 12 elements in 10 groups – this new Sony optic sports a more complex design comprising 18 elements in 13 groups, with nine aperture blades. When you consider how many additional internal elements it has over the older model, it will come as no surprise that what we're taking a close look at here is a significantly larger and heavier lens.





The autofocus is quick and goes about its business in a fast and silent manner



➤ Towards the front of its internal construction is a newly developed extreme aspherical (XA) lens element. It is joined by one extra-low-dispersion (ED) and one super-extra-low-dispersion element. The new XA lens element is said to deliver exquisite corner-to-corner sharpness, with the ED and Super ED elements keeping axial and lateral chromatic aberration in check. In addition, Sony has used its Nano AR coating on the front and rear elements to suppress spurious reflections that can cause ghosting and flare when shooting towards the light.

Like Sony's FE 35mm f/1.4 lens, this zoom uses a direct drive supersonic motor (SSM) to provide smooth and quiet autofocus. It's claimed that the focus motor offers a 0.01mm precision of focus group placement, and if it performs as silently as the FE 35mm f/1.4 it'll have great appeal among those who'd like to shoot movies as well as stills. As to be expected

from a premium optic with a premium price, it is resistant to dust and moisture, offering users peace of mind in poor weather conditions.

Improving on the design of the 24-70mm f/4 ZA OSS, an AF/MF switch is located on the side of the barrel, there's a release button to prevent the hood being inadvertently released in its forward facing or reversed position, and there's a zoom lock that can be engaged at 24mm to prevent the zoom extending. The lens accepts filters and adapters via an 82mm thread and to tie in with the release of the lens, Sony has also produced two new screw-in filters: the VF-82MP MC protector and VF-82CPAM Circular PL filter. These aren't cheap, however, and at the time of writing were available for £160 and £280 respectively.

### Build and handling

There's no getting away from the fact that the Sony FE 24-70mm f/2.8 GM is a brute of a

### 'The barrel of the lens strays away from a smooth finish'

lens. It's a monster when you compare it with the older Sony FE 24-70mm f/4 ZA OSS. To give an impression of size, it's larger and heavier than Canon's EF 24-70mm f/2.8L II USM, and is only fractionally lighter than Nikon's AF-S Nikkor 24-70mm f/2.8E ED VR lens. It weighs a hefty 886g on the scales and, if you were to glance at it from afar, you'd assume it was a lens designed for a DSLR, not a compact system camera.

I was sceptical about how such a large and heavy standard zoom would handle on a Sony Alpha 7-series camera. It did make the Alpha 7R II feel very front heavy, and in an effort to offset this imbalance I found myself supporting the full length of the barrel of the lens in the palm of my left hand for every shot other than those that were taken using a tripod.

The barrel of the lens strays away from a smooth finish and is textured to complement the body finish of the Alpha 7 II, Alpha 7R II and Alpha 7S II. From the rear of the lens looking forwards, the diameter increases towards the front, with the manual focus ring slightly larger than the zoom ring. Unlike many lenses that engrave or print focal length markings flat onto the barrel, the engraved markings are added where the zoom ring steps up. This allows the user to use their non-viewfinder eye to refer to the focal length of the lens directly from behind the camera – something I found quite useful during testing.

The zoom and manual-focus rings use similar ribbed rubber grips, but there's enough distance between the two to decipher which is



This shot was taken at full telephoto with an aperture of f/2.8





This comparison reveals how much sharper the Sony GM lens is than the Sony FE 24-70mm f/4 ZA OSS

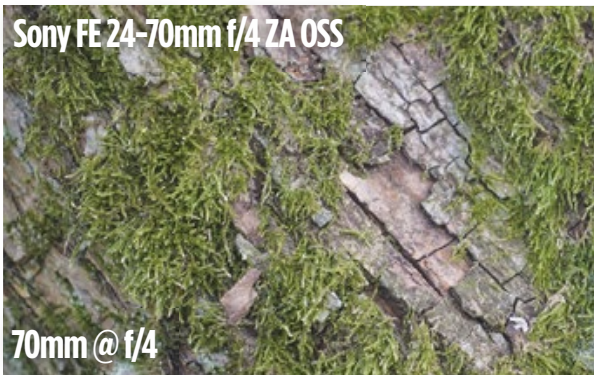
which without having to look. The zoom ring offers sufficient resistance to prevent the lens creeping under its own weight with the camera pointing downwards, and it requires less than a quarter of a rotation to shift the focal length from 24mm to 70mm or vice versa. The large MF/AF switch is well positioned and quick to locate. Directly ahead of it, beyond the focus ring and below the 'G' branding, you'll find a focus-lock button. This can be used to lock the focus at a moment's notice and prevent the lens refocusing in any AF mode for as long as it's continually depressed. The MF ring operates smoothly, and the overall quality of the fit and finish must be commended for being of an exemplary standard.

### Image quality

The lens resolves a mesmerising level of detail, and after comparing the results taken on this lens with those taken on the Sony FE 24-70mm f/4 ZA OSS, it was clear there's no contest as to which is the superior optic. In isolation, the detail resolved by the 24-70mm f/4 ZA OSS seems acceptable, but it's not until shots are viewed side by side that you realise the GM lens is in a different league.

Running the lens through our lab produced a strong set of MTF curves that tell us it's super sharp at the widest end of the focal length and only slightly softer when you push through the zoom range. Centre sharpness peaks around f/4 at 24mm, with corner sharpness improving all the time the lens is closed down towards f/8. The sharpness in the centre at 70mm doesn't quite match the figures recorded at 24mm or 50mm, but it improves when the lens is closed down towards f/5.6. As a general rule, the sweet spot of sharpness is found between f/5.6 and f/8, and it's only as you start to push beyond f/11 that the introduction of diffraction sees the level of detail fall off.

With all lens compensation switched off on the camera, I did identify some purple and green aberrations, but the fringing that appeared along branches of trees was quickly dealt with in Lightroom. Vignetting isn't a major cause for concern at mid to full telephoto lengths, but is more obvious when the lens is used wide open at 24mm. Corners appear approximately 1.5EV darker than the centre with the lens set to f/2.8 at 24mm. To banish this from wideangle images you'll want to stop the lens down by 1 or 2 stops. Barrel distortion at 24mm is replaced by pincushion distortion as you push through the range towards 50mm and 70mm.



## Our verdict

AFTER extensive testing, both in the field and in the lab, I'm pleased to report that the Sony FE 24-70mm f/2.8 GM is exceptionally sharp. It has been optimised by Sony's engineers to resolve sensational detail in combination with Alpha 7-series full-frame cameras.

Optically, the lens delivers some really impressive results. It behaves much as we'd expect from a premium 24-70mm zoom, with super-sharp results in the centre at wideangle and only slightly softer results at full telephoto. The corners of images do appear softer at large apertures and to achieve optimum sharpness between the centre and edge users will want to work between the lens's sweet spot, which is found between f/5.6 and f/8.

The sharpness produced by the lens is stunning, but the trade-off for this is size and weight. It's not a lens that complements the compact aesthetics of the Alpha 7 series. However, those who view image quality as a priority ahead of practicality aren't likely to give its size and weight a second thought. With no form of optical stabilisation in the lens, either, it's a better match with the Alpha 7 II, Alpha 7S II and Alpha 7R II than it is with the original Alpha 7 and Alpha 7R, which don't feature Sony's 5-axis in-body stabilisation system. If Sony's other G-Master lenses are anywhere near as good as this one, the future seems very bright for Alpha 7-series users.



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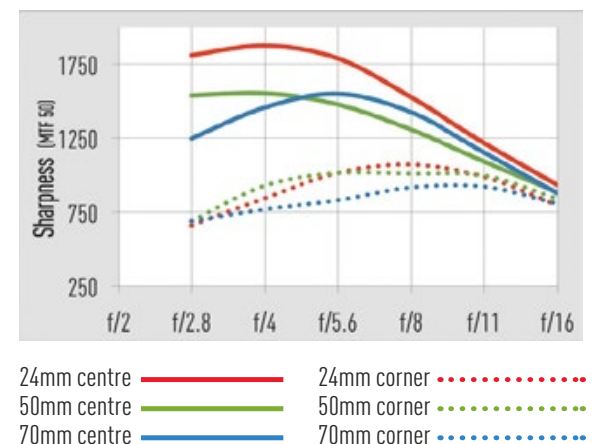
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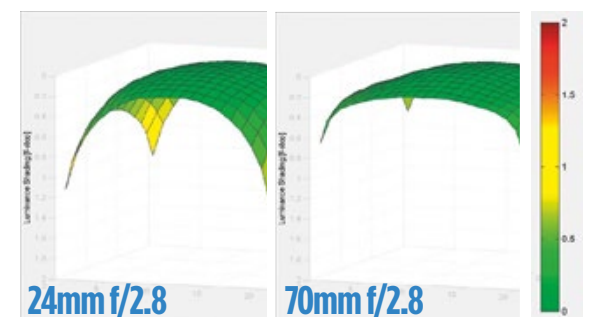
### Resolution

Our Applied Imaging tests show the lens is super-sharp in the centre at 24mm, with corner sharpness peaking at f/8. Sharpness in the centre isn't quite as high at 50mm or 70mm, but a study of the graph below tells us edge sharpness improves considerably when it's closed down to f/5.6 and f/8. Diffraction softens the finest details beyond f/11, so we'd advise to stay away from using f/16.



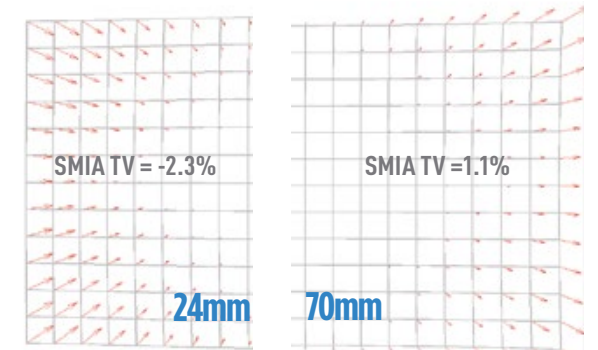
### Shading

The lens displays obvious vignetting when it is wide open at 24mm, with the corners appearing approximately -1.5EV darker than the centre. This improves to -0.8EV at f/4. Vignetting is less dramatic at longer focal lengths, with corners appearing approximately 0.5EV darker than the centre at f/2.8, and is absent at f/4 and beyond.



### Curvilinear distortion

At 24mm there's noticeable barrel distortion present. This starts to disappear at around 30mm, with pincushion distortion becoming more prevalent as you push through the range towards 50mm and 70mm. Sony's cameras can correct this automatically in their JPEG processing.





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## Raw vs JPEG

**Q** Is it better to shoot JPEG or raw files with my Nikon D3100? I am new to DSLR cameras, but have heard that you get more information from raw files than from JPEGs.

**Keith Roberts**

**A** The question as to whether you should use raw or JPEG is less clear-cut than some photographers make it out to be. It's absolutely true that raw files include more information than the camera's JPEGs, but this is only relevant if you have the time and inclination to sit in front of a computer and process your raw files to get the best out of them. This, in turn, means learning how to use raw-conversion software.

If you are prepared to do this, then raw offers a number of advantages. You can correct the white balance if the camera gets the colours wrong; adjust image brightness if the exposure isn't quite right; bring out details from dark areas of the image; and to a lesser extent, recover some detail in bright, overexposed parts of your picture.

However, all this takes time and effort. While once upon a time cameras didn't make especially good JPEGs, now most can give pretty attractive results, including your D3100, especially if you concentrate on making sure the

exposure and white balance are OK. All you have to do is keep an eye on your images on the camera's screen while you shoot.

**Andy Westlake**

## Extended ISOs

**Q** If what is termed the 'native' ISO extends, for instance, from 200 to 6,400 but can be extended to 100 to 12,800 at the touch of a button, why isn't the extended range just accepted and advertised as what one can expect from a given model?

**David Richards**

**A** When manufacturers offer extended ISO ranges they do so on the understanding that using these settings will have an impact on image quality. In the case of extended low ISOs, highlights will invariably clip to white more quickly, completely losing detail. At high ISO settings, image noise will be very high, perhaps too high for most users.

One side effect of using extended ISO settings is that photographers who shoot raw will usually get no advantage from doing so, compared with shooting with the same exposure settings at the minimum or maximum standard ISOs, and then adjusting the exposure in post-processing.

**Andy Westlake**



Manufacturers mark certain low or high sensitivity settings as 'extended'

Bridge cameras aren't best suited to low-light shooting



## Best bridge camera

**Q** I plan to purchase my first camera, and my main interest is to take pictures of the night sky. However, I am undecided whether to go for Sony Cyber-shot DSC-H400 or DSC-HX300. Which camera would you recommend for taking good pictures of stars and constellations with little noise? If there is another camera that is around the same price but better for this job, I would appreciate your advice.

**Rosie Waldron**

**A** Personally, I wouldn't recommend either of these bridge-type cameras for night sky photography. In general, these kinds of cameras can give good results in good light, but aren't well suited to low-light conditions at all. The main reason for buying one is if you know you're going to need a very long zoom lens, as that's their main selling point.

With a budget of around £200, your options are quite limited, I'm afraid. However, if you can stretch a bit further, you can get an entry-level SLR for around £250 with a basic zoom lens – the Canon EOS 1200D, Nikon D3200 and Pentax K-S1 are all worth looking at. These have much better image sensors than bridge cameras, resulting in lower noise for low-light shooting. They also have interchangeable lenses, which means that further down the line you can buy one better suited to the type of photography you want to do.

Another option worth considering is the Sony Cyber-shot DSC-RX100. This is a pocket-sized camera that has a good sensor and a large-aperture lens, which means it can gather a good amount of light – useful when shooting in low light.

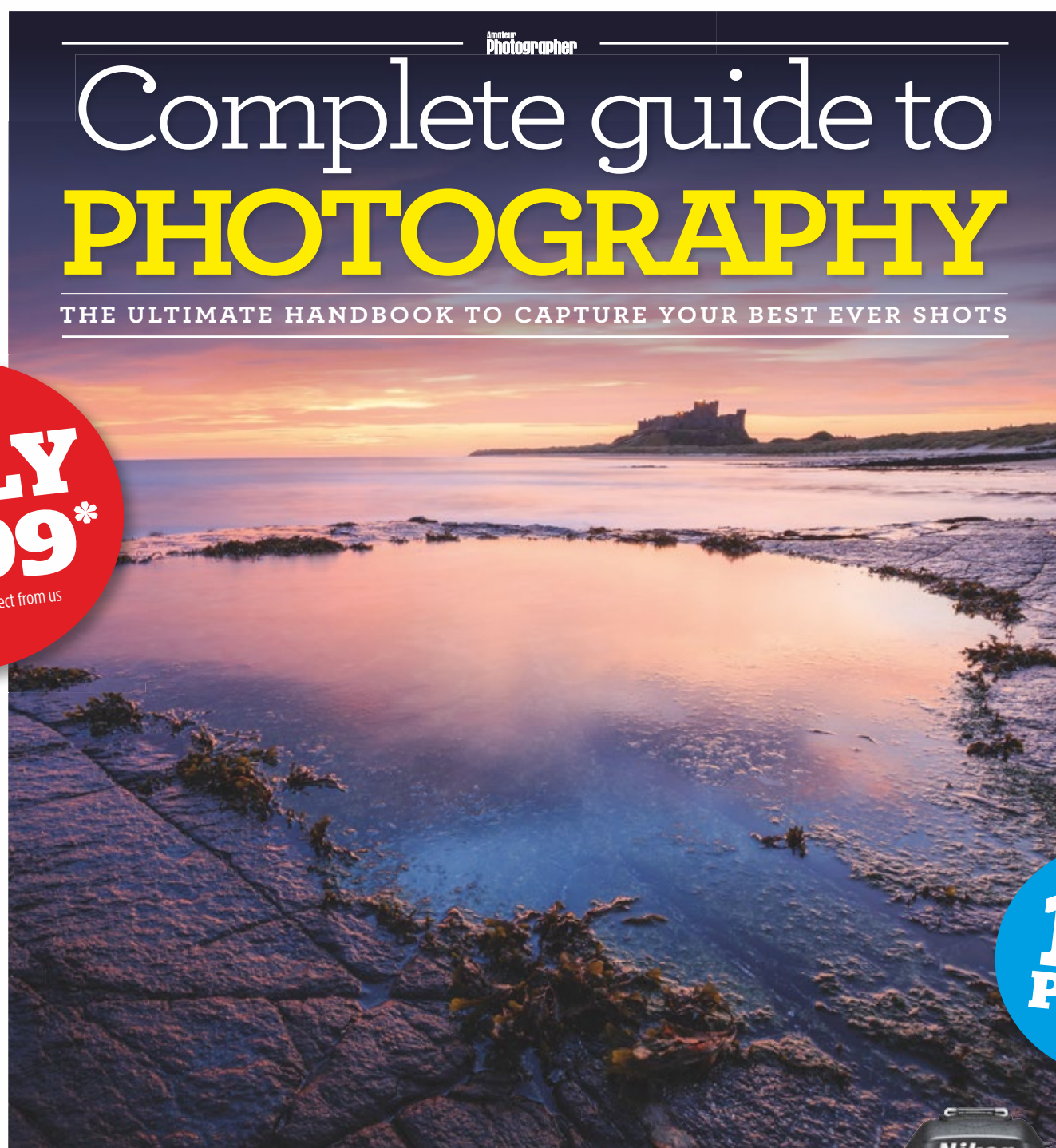
Taking pictures of stars is a demanding and difficult type of photography. It'll take time and practice – even focusing correctly is hard work. The great thing, though, is that you can take as many pictures as you like while you're learning, and delete those that don't work out. With a little perseverance you should get some nice results.

**Andy Westlake**

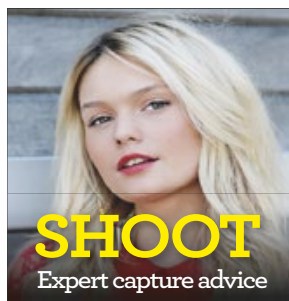


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### Canon EOS 5D Mark III

**1** This is a workhorse of a camera. The Mark III is a step up from the II in terms of sensor quality, and the build is sturdy and ergonomic. I particularly love the quiet shutter. I cover the camera in gaffer tape, first to mask the name and make it look cheap, and second for extra scratch/wet protection.



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### Leica M9 and Summilux 35mm f/1.4 (pre-aspherical)

**2** I've shot with this lens for nearly 20 years. It has its own idiosyncrasies – not least the terrible chroma wide open. I tend to shoot it on the street at tiny apertures, and for this, the combination is perfect.

### Sekonic L-308S exposure meter

**3** I've always used a light meter. I work in manual and this model – Sekonic's smallest and most basic – is perfect for travel. 'What's that thing?' is the first question I get asked, and it can be a good icebreaker.

### Domke pouches

**4** These last forever. In film days, one would hold the exposed and the other the unexposed cartridges. Now I distribute batteries, lens cloths, white/grey card and the Think Tank Pocket Rocket (which holds a dozen or more SD cards) between them.

### Canon 17-35mm f/2.8

**5** Depending on where I'm working, I often use this in favour of the much superior 35mm prime. It's still an excellent piece of glass, though. I use it without the weapon-like lens hood to save space and to make it appear less intimidating.

### Canon 50mm f/1.4 lens

**6** I use this lens more and more, and probably 'think' compositionally through it the most. It's solid – not as fast as the f/1.2, but that's a trade-off in terms of weight and I like a very light kit.

**Kit shown:** Two Canon EOS 5D Mark III bodies, Canon 50mm f/1.4, Canon 17-35mm f/2.8, Canon 70-200mm f/2.8, Leica M9 with Summilux 35mm f/1.4, Sekonic L-308S exposure meter





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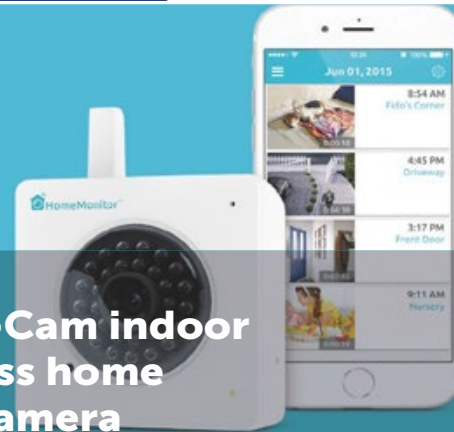
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**Professor Newman on...**

## Comparing lens speeds

At first glance, one camera lens can appear to be faster than the other, but is this actually the case?

One of the factors that makes life difficult for someone buying a digital camera is the plethora of different sensor sizes available today. The usual wisdom is that the larger a sensor is, the better, but this isn't the whole story. The speed of the lens makes a difference as well, so a camera with a small sensor but a fast lens might perform as well as one with a larger sensor but a slower lens.

As an example, say I want to buy a reasonably capable camera for travel use, but it needs to be capable of 4K video. So far, my candidates are both from Panasonic: the Lumix DMC-FZ1000 and the Lumix DMC-G7 (which I would buy with a 14-140mm f/4-5.6 lens). The lens on the FZ1000 is a 9.1-146mm f/2.8-4. So, on first sight, it appears to be 'faster' than the G7's lens, but does it actually gather more light?

To compare them directly, I have to translate one of the lenses to its equivalent on the other's sensor size, so for this I will translate the

FZ1000 to the G7's Four Thirds sensor size. The translation is based on the ratio of the sensor diagonals, which are 15.9mm for the FZ1000 and 21.6mm for the G7, giving a conversion ratio (otherwise known as a crop factor) of 1.36 between them. Multiplying the focal length and f-number of the FZ1000's lens by this figure, I get 12.4-198mm at f/3.8-5.4.

This tells me that the FZ gives me more zoom range both at the short and long end (12.4 plays 14 and 198 plays 140, respectively), and that the effective speed is almost the same. I should clarify what I mean by 'effective speed' here. What it means is that both lenses will project more or less the same amount of light onto the sensor, which will result in much the same noise performance, since most of a camera's noise is caused by the random pattern of arrival of the photons at the sensor. The more photons there are, the more the randomness averages out and the less noisy the camera looks. The same number of photons will result in

the same noise. Of course, the real f-number of the FZ is still f/2.8-4, not f/3.8-5.4, so when I do exposure calculations I will need to use the real f-numbers. My comparison, while useful, has not changed the physical nature of the lens at all, just allowed me to compare the camera against one with a different sensor size.

This principle can be applied to any camera/lens combination so long as you know the actual sensor size. If you don't know, one way of finding out is by comparing the actual lens focal length (usually marked on the front of the lens) with the manufacturer's 'full-frame' equivalent. For instance, if I wanted to add into my comparison a Panasonic Lumix DMC-FZ300, looking at the front of the lens I find that it is a 4.5-108mm f/2.8 lens. Panasonic tells us that this is a 25-600mm 'equivalent' lens. The diagonal of a full-frame sensor is 43mm, so if I multiply this by the actual focal length (4.5mm) then divide by the 'equivalent' (25mm), I get a frame diagonal of 7.74mm, which in turn gives me a 'crop factor' of 2.8 compared with the G7, so I can translate the lens to 12.5-301mm, f/7.8 lens. An impressive zoom range, but not so fast.

**'The usual wisdom is that the larger the sensor is, the better, but the speed of the lens makes a difference, too'**



When comparing cameras, we need to take into account both the sensor size and the lens's aperture

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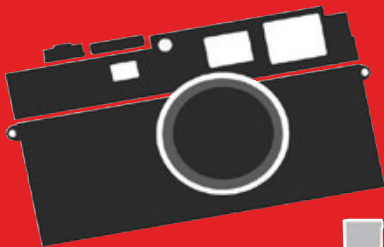
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Nikon Df Body Only.....	E++ £1,349
Nikon D800E Body Only.....	E++ £1,179
Nikon D800 Body Only.....	E+ / Mint- £949 - £999
Nikon D750 Body Only.....	E++ / Mint- £1,189 - £1,249
Nikon D700 Body + MB-D10 Grip.....	E+ £549
Nikon D700 Body Only.....	As Seen / E+ £349 - £519
Nikon D610 Body Only.....	E++ £699 - £789
Nikon D600 Body Only.....	As Seen / E++ £449 - £499
Nikon D300S + MB-D10 Grip.....	E++ £379
Nikon D300 Body Only.....	E+ £199 - £239
Nikon D90 Body Only.....	E++ £179
Nikon D80 Body Only.....	Exc £99
Nikon D70 Body Only.....	As Seen / E++ £49 - £59
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Nikon D5500 + 18-140mm.....	Mint- £559
Nikon D5300 Body Only.....	Mint- £289 - £319
Nikon D5100 Body only.....	E++ / Mint- £159 - £169
Nikon D3300 Body Only.....	Mint- £179
Olympus E300 + 40-150mm.....	E+ £89
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Olympus E450 + 14-42mm.....	E+ £129
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Olympus E600 +14-42mm+40-150mm+Grip.....	E+ £259
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Olympus E620 + 14-42mm + 40-150mm.....	E++ £339
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Pentax K50 Body Only.....	Mint- £229
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Pentax *ist D Body Only.....	As Seen £49
Pentax *ist DL Body Only.....	E+ £79
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Sony A200 Body Only.....	E+ £89
Sony A330 Body Only.....	E++ £99
Sony A390 + 18-55mm.....	As Seen £99
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Sony A550 + 18-55mm.....	E++ £249
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H4D Complete (50MP).....	E++ £6,499
H4D + Prism (50MP).....	E++ £6,499
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H2 Complete.....	E+ £1,789
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H1 Body Only.....	E+ / E++ £689
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50mm F3.5 HC.....	E+ / E++ £1,199 - £1,299
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Extension Tube H 26mm.....	E++ / Mint- £129 - £149
Hmi100 Polaroid Mag.....	E+ / E++ £49 - £149

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503CW Complete.....	E++ £1,949
501CM Complete.....	E++ £1,349
500CM Gold Edition.....	Unused £3,999
500CM Complete.....	As Seen / E+ £499 - £749
500C Complete.....	As Seen £399
500ELX Black Body Only.....	E+ £349
500ELM Chrome Body + WLF.....	E+ £169
500ELM Chrome Body Only.....	E+ £169
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Flex Outfit.....	E++ / Mint- £899 - £999
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150mm F4 C Black.....	E+ £149
150mm F4 CF.....	E+ / E++ £349 - £399
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500mm F8 C Black.....	E+ £499
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A24 Chrome Mag.....	As Seen / E++ £39 - £125
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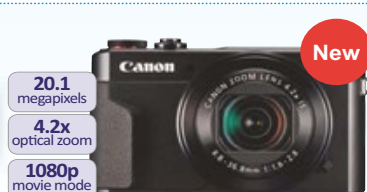
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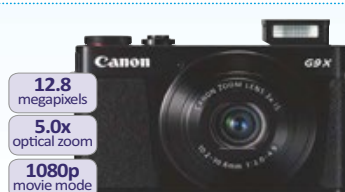
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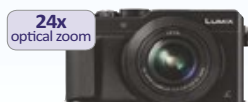
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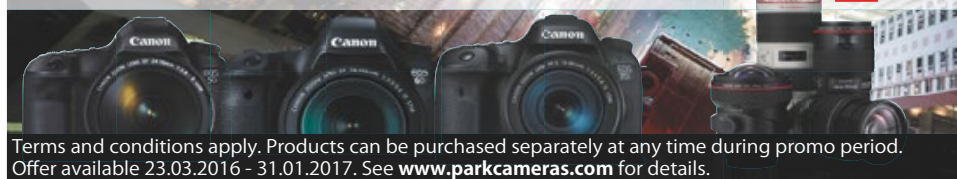
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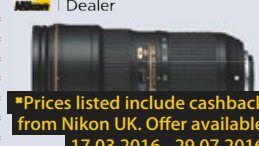
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# Final Analysis

**Roger Hicks considers...**

*Alaria esculenta*, 1843-1853, by Anna Atkins

**W**illiam Henry Fox Talbot's *The Pencil of Nature*, published in June 1844, is often held up as the first book illustrated with photographic images. However, in October 1843 Anna Atkins (1799-1871) beat him to it with the first volume of her *Photographs of British Algae: Cyanotype Impressions*.

Admittedly, it was a very limited edition. Only 17 copies are known still to exist. Not all are complete, and some of them may never have been. The pictures are photograms, produced by laying dried algae directly on the paper, rather than printed from a negative. The text was handwritten.

On the other hand, it preceded Talbot's book by eight months and illustrates that women of the early 19th century (and since) have often been unfairly overlooked. Anna may also have been the first-ever woman photographer – she had a camera in 1841 – although Constance Talbot, William Henry's wife, may well have had one before her.

Although it is quite easy to dismiss *British Algae* as a curiosity, to do so is to abandon a multi-rooted sense of wonder. First, and most immediately, these pictures were made 173 years ago. Queen Victoria, who would become another keen photographer, was a young woman of 24 – little older than a girl. *British Algae* is a direct link to that era.

Second, we can only begin to imagine the amazement these pictures must have provoked when people first saw them. Anyone with any imagination must have wondered what technological advance might come next. For example, railways were newer then than the internet is today, and as full of possibilities.

Third, this was the first-ever application of photography for technical illustrations in a book, and in the first-ever photographically illustrated book at that. Painstaking drawing and hand colouring were now optional, and accuracy without deceptive 'improvement' was ensured.

Fourth, many of the images are beautiful. It was hard to choose just one to represent them here because they are beautiful in different ways. Some are very



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delicate (although her later pictures of ferns were even more delicate) while others are very graphic. I chose this one because of the bold shapes and subtle gradations.

The cyanotype process was invented in 1842 by Sir John Herschel, a friend of Anna's, who had coined the word 'photography' just three years before, in 1839. It is a printing-out process that can be used for contact-printing negatives, as

well as for photograms like this. It's quite easy to make up the necessary solutions yourself – potassium ferricyanide and ferric ammonium citrate – or kits are available, for example from Fotospeed in the UK or Photographer's Formulary in the US. This picture is from the wonderful New York Public Library collection of digitised images at [www.nypl.org](http://www.nypl.org).

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